



HOW TO BECOME A MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENT

Step 1: Refer patient to the OCM website	The Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) website lists out the process of becoming a certified patient clearly. Link: How to Become a Patient / Division of Medical Cannabis https://mn.gov/ocm/dmc/patients/the-basics/how-to-become-a-patient.jsp
Step 2: Meet with a Certifying Health Care Practitioner	Patients need to make an appointment with a certifying health care practitioner to verify they have a medical condition which qualifies them to become a cannabis patient in Minnesota. Any medical condition for which a patient's health care practitioner has recommended, approved, or authorized the use of cannabis for is now accepted by the state and qualifies them to become a patient. • A certifying health care practitioner is a Minnesota-licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse who is approved to certify patients throughout the state • Patients can call a clinic and ask if they have any "medical cannabis certifying health care practitioners" available to do this • Patients can also ask their providers if they can refer them to a certifying practitioner • There is not a master list with all the state approved practitioners that a patient can access for privacy reasons. • The patient will have to provide an email to this practitioner, and the practitioner will then send the email to the OCM ◦ It will speed up the process if the patient has a personal email account established before they visit the certifying practitioner EXCEPTION: A Veteran does not need to do this, and can self-certify through by filling out a form on OCM's website. The form below is a link for the dispensary reference. Always have the Veteran go online to the OCM "How to become a patient" section of the website for the most updated version. Veteran Self-Certification - MCR https://cannabis.web.health.state.mn.us/enrollment/veteran/certify.xhtml
Step 3: Receive notification from the state and submit the application	After the health care practitioner has notified the state about certifying the patient, the patient will receive an email from the state with confirmation of the condition certification and a unique enrollment link to the medical cannabis registry. This link is where the patient can submit their application to become a patient. • If the patient doesn't submit their application through this link within 90 days, it will expire and they will have to restart the entire process.

	• It may take up to 30 days to process the application, so it is best to submit the application within 60 days • It is best practice to select a caregiver/spouse/parent/guardian, if applicable, at this step to speed the process along for the patient ◦ They will need to upload their identification at that time too ◦ A caregiver/spouse/parent/guardian can pick-up the medical cannabis and fill out the survey in place of the patient ◦ If the patient is unable to pick up the medical cannabis at the dispensary, they will need to wait to get medical cannabis until the state approves their caregiver/spouse/parent/guardian to do so • Re-enrollment is required every three years
Step 4: Receive notification they are approved and fill out PSE	Once the OCM approves the application they will receive an email informing them of approval The patient should then fill out the patient self-evaluation (PSE) online and submit it. This "survey" needs to be filled out before the patient's first visit and consult with the pharmacist or CMCC. • The patient will need to enter all their medications and medical conditions when they fill out the survey for the first time. In the future, those medications and medical conditions will be saved and populated in future surveys ◦ If they don't do this, and they have an appointment with the pharmacist or CMCC and the Pharmacist or CMCC needs to do it, they may have to schedule an additional appointment due to lack of time and the patient wouldn't be able to pick up the medical cannabis until after the 2nd appointment • The survey will be due every 90 days for the first year the patient is enrolled in the program. The 90-day timing starts after their first purchase of medical cannabis
Step 5: Make an appointment with the Pharmacist or CMCC	The patient can now make an appointment with the pharmacist or CMCC via calling the dispensary or going to our website www.thejointdispensary.com and making the appointment online through in the schedule an appointment section • This appointment can be in person or over the telephone at this time • After the appointment the patient can pick up the medical cannabis products that the pharmacist or CMCC has approved without needing another appointment • The patient can make follow-up appointments if desired, if applicable