

STATE OF CONNECTICUT MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM

Board of Physicians Meeting September 12, 2012



Medical Marijuana Program (MMP) Presentation Summary

- Understanding the Law
- Role of the Board of Physicians
- Patient Registration Process
- Important Dates
- Questions



Medical Marijuana Program (MMP) Understanding the Law

- Public Act 12-55, An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana, signed into law on May 31, 2012 (the "Act").
- Designed to enable truly sick patients to engage in the palliative use of marijuana while preventing marijuana from being misused or diverted from its medical purpose.
- Provides immunity from **state** criminal and civil penalties for physicians, patients, caregivers, dispensaries and producers who act responsibly in accordance with the law.



Understanding the Law Designed to Prevent Misuse and Diversion

- Limited Group of Debilitating Medical Conditions Qualify
- Physicians are the Gatekeepers
- Patients and Caregivers Must Meet Strict Requirements and Act Responsibly
- Producers Will be Limited and Tightly Controlled
- Dispensaries Will Treat Marijuana as the Controlled Substance it is
- Marijuana Cannot be Used in a Place or Manner that Puts Others at Risk



Debilitating Medical Conditions Recognized by the Law

- Cancer
- Glaucoma
- Positive status for human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome
- Parkinson's disease
- Multiple sclerosis
- Damage to the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity
- Epilepsy
- Cachexia
- Wasting Syndrome
- Crohn's disease
- Post-traumatic stress disorder



Physicians are the Gatekeepers

- Physicians Can Only Certify Patients for Marijuana Where there is a Bona-Fide Physician-Patient Relationship:
 - Complete a medically reasonable assessment of the patient's medical history and current medical condition;
 - Diagnose the patient as having a debilitating medical condition; and
 - Prescribe, or determine it is not in the patient's best interest to prescribe, prescription drugs to address the symptoms or effects for which the certification is being issued.



Physicians are the Gatekeepers Continued

- Patients and Caregivers Cannot Register with DCP Until their Physician Certifies that:
 - The patient has a qualifying, debilitating medical condition;
 - In the physician's professional opinion, the potential benefits of the palliative use of marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks; and
 - The patient has a need for a caregiver, if applicable.



Qualified Patient Must be an Adult With a Debilitating Medical Condition

- To qualify for a medical marijuana registration certificate, a patient must be:
 - Diagnosed by a physician as having one of the debilitating medical conditions set out in the law;
 - 18 years of age;
 - · Connecticut resident; and
 - Not an inmate in a Department of Corrections institution or facility.



Not Everyone Can Register as a Caregiver

- DCP Will Only Register a Caregiver if:
 - Patient's physician has certified the need for a caregiver;
 and
 - Caregiver agrees to be responsible for managing the wellbeing of a **registered** patient with respect to their palliative use of marijuana.
- Other requirements:
 - 18 years of age;
 - Not the patient's physician;
 - Not convicted of a law pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale or distribution of a controlled substance;
 - Where the adult patient lacks legal capacity, must be a parent, guardian or legal custodian; and
 - Can only be responsible for one patient unless there is a parental, guardianship, conservatorship or sibling relationship with each patient.



Patients and Caregivers Must Act Responsibly

- Possess no more than a one-month supply between themselves.
- Not use marijuana in a way that endangers the health or well-being of others.
- Not use marijuana in a prohibited place:
 - Motor bus, school bus, or other moving vehicle
 - Workplace
 - School grounds, any public or private school, dormitory, college or university property
 - Public place
 - Presence of anyone under 18



Producers will be Limited and Tightly Regulated

- Only 3 10 producers will be licensed.
- All cultivation will occur at permissible locations within the State.
- Licensed producers will be required to have the experience and financial capacity to build and operate a secure, indoor production facility.
- Regulations will establish health, safety, security and other requirements to further protect against abuse or diversion.



Marijuana Will be Dispensed Consistent with its Status as a Controlled Substance

- Dispensaries must be licensed pharmacists
 - Pharmacists are trained on proper handling of controlled substances.
 - Pharmacists have experience counseling patients with regard to medication use and drug interactions.
- Number of dispensaries will not exceed number appropriate to meet needs of qualifying patients
 - Avoiding over-supply will reduce risk of diversion.
- Regulations will establish health, safety, security and other requirements to further protect against abuse or diversion.



Understanding the Law Immunity is Only for Those Acting Responsibly

- Physicians:
 - Have bona-fide physician-patient relationship;
 - Diagnose patient as having debilitating medical condition;
 - Explain potential risks and benefits of palliative use of marijuana to patient (or legal guardian);
 - Certification is based upon professional opinion after medically reasonable assessment; and
 - Physician does not have financial interest in a marijuana producer or dispensary.
- Patients and Caregivers:
 - Register with DCP;
 - Acquire, distribute, transfer, possess, use (patient only) or transport marijuana for a certified medical purpose;
 - Have no more than a one-month supply of marijuana; and
 - Do not use marijuana in an improper place or in a manner that puts others at risk.



Immunity Continued

- Producers and their employees:
 - Licensed by DCP;
 - Do not cultivate, sell, deliver, transport or distribute marijuana to a person other than a licensed dispensary;
 - Do not obtain or transport marijuana outside of the State;
 and
 - Otherwise in compliance with the Act.
- Dispensaries and their employees:
 - Licensed by DCP;
 - Only acquire marijuana from a licensed producer;
 - Only distribute or dispense marijuana to a registered patient or caregiver;
 - Do not obtain or transport marijuana outside of the State;
 and
 - Otherwise in compliance with the Act.



Scope of Immunity

- Those who comply with the law are protected from negative consequences, including:
 - Arrest;
 - Prosecution;
 - Civil Penalties; or
 - Any other penalties, including disciplinary action by the Connecticut Medical Examining Board or other professional licensing board.



The Board of Physicians Will Ensure the Medical Integrity of Connecticut's Program

- Recommend to DCP debilitating medical conditions to be added to the list of conditions that qualify for the palliative use of marijuana.
- Recommend a protocol for determining the amount of marijuana reasonably necessary to ensure uninterrupted availability for one month.
- Consult on regulations related to any form or procedure to be used by physicians to certify patients for the palliative use of marijuana.
- Perform other duties related to the palliative use of marijuana at the Commissioner's request.



The Board of Physicians Continued

- The Board of Physicians will:
 - Consist of eight physicians or surgeons who are certified by the appropriate American board in one of a select group of specialties.
 - Have knowledge about the palliative use of marijuana.
 - Meet at least twice per year to conduct public hearings and to evaluate petitions from the public seeking to add to the list of debilitating medical conditions.



Patient and Caregiver Registration

- Beginning October 1, 2012, patients and caregivers who qualify for the palliative use of marijuana and register with DCP can receive the protections in the law.
 - DCP has developed a registration process that is designed to maintain the integrity of the medical marijuana program while placing minimal burden on physicians, patients and caregivers.
 - Information provided to DCP in connection with a patient or caregiver registration will be treated as confidential.



Registration Process Overview

- Online registration system accessible only to physicians, patients and caregivers.
- Unique identification cards to be provided to patients and caregivers upon registration approval.
- Local law enforcement will have secure, 24/7 access to registry information to confirm validity of patient and caregiver identification cards.
- Patient and caregiver registrations must be renewed annually.



Registration Process Overview Continued

- Registration will be a three step process:
 - Step 1: Physician initiates registration by logging into a secure, online system and certifying their patient.
 - Step 2: After physician electronically submits a valid certification, patient can access the online system to complete their portion of the application.
 - Step 3: If the physician certifies the need for a caregiver, the caregiver can log in after the patient and complete the application.



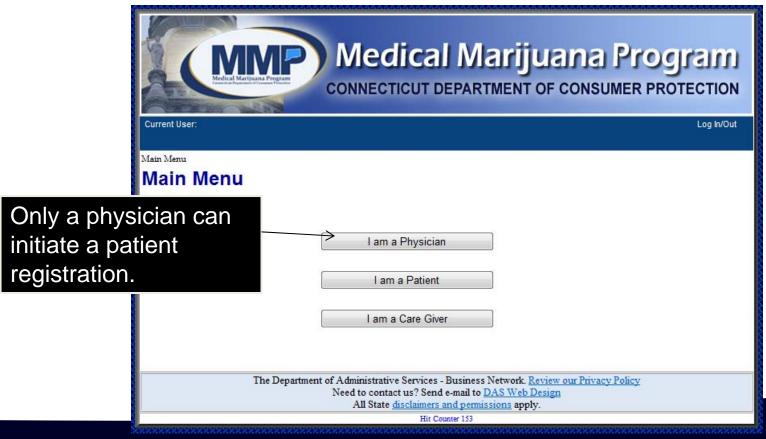
Physician Certification: Prerequisites to Accessing the Registration System

- Physicians must first register with the Prescription Monitoring Program ("PMP") before certifying a patient for the palliative use of marijuana.
 - Will enable physician to review patient's prescription drug history prior to recommending marijuana.
- Physicians must create an account with the DAS business network to access the online certification system.
 - Only requires a name, e-mail address and password.



Physician Certification

 After one-time process of registering with the PMP and DAS business network, physicians can log-in and begin registering patients.





Physician Certification Continued

• To avoid fraud, physician must confirm their identity before certifying a patient.



Physician Certification Continued

• Next, the physician will complete their profile.

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Majority of information	CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CO	NSUMER PROTECTION
will already be filled in based on PMP profile.	Home	Log In/Out
Physician Profile CT Medical license # Medical Specialty	CT Controlled Substance Prescription #)
Last Name Business Address 1	First Name	Middle Initial
Business Address 3 Business Address 3 City, State, ZIP Code		
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Physician Certification Continued

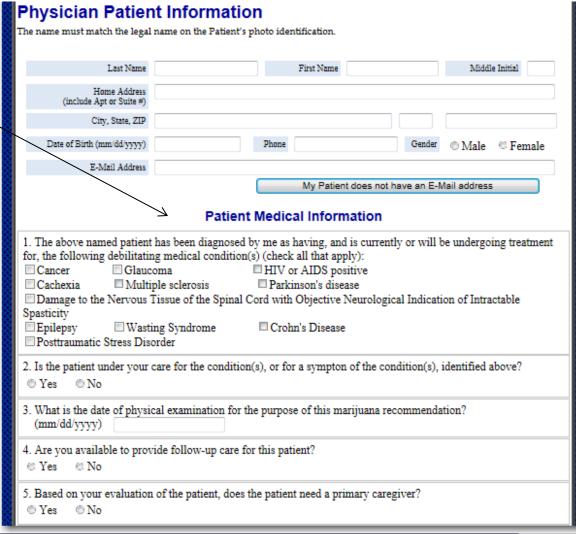
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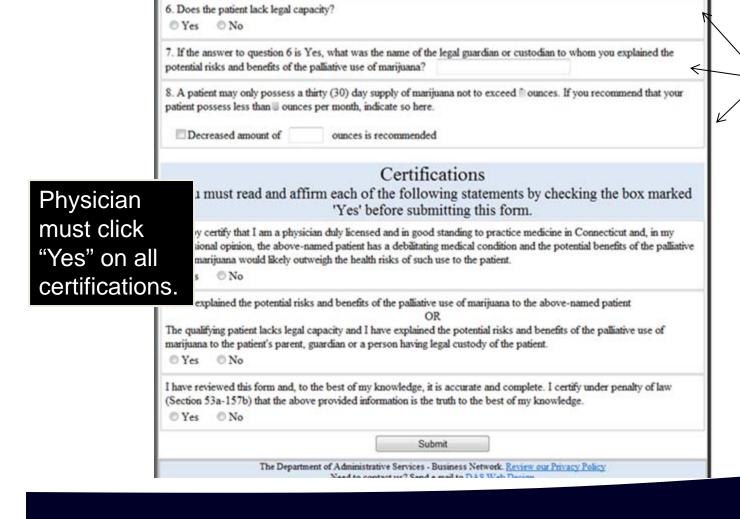
Physician - Patient Certification

Physician fills out patient's identifying information and medical information.

Patient can only have a caregiver if physician certifies the need for one.



Physician - Patient Certification Continued



Additional medical questions.



Patient Registration

 After the physician submits the certification, the patient can log-in and register.





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Patient information will be automatically filled in based on physician's certification.

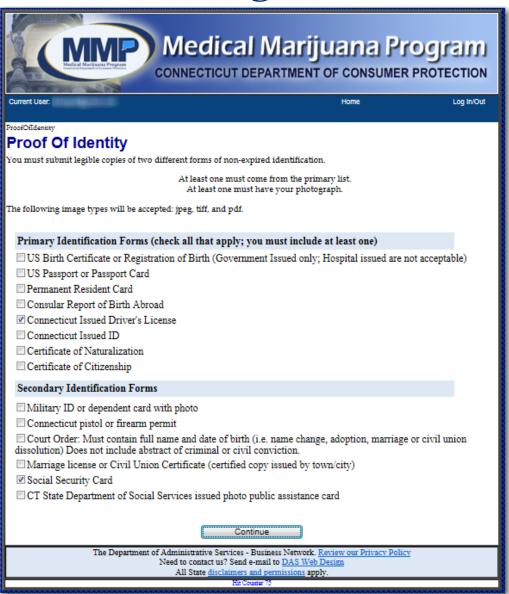


PatientInformation					
Patient Information					
The name on the form must match the legal name on your photo identification.					
If any information is incorrect,	please contact your physician.				
Last Name	First Name Middle Initial				
Home Address (include Apt or Suite #)					
City, State, ZIP					
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Phone Gender Male Female				
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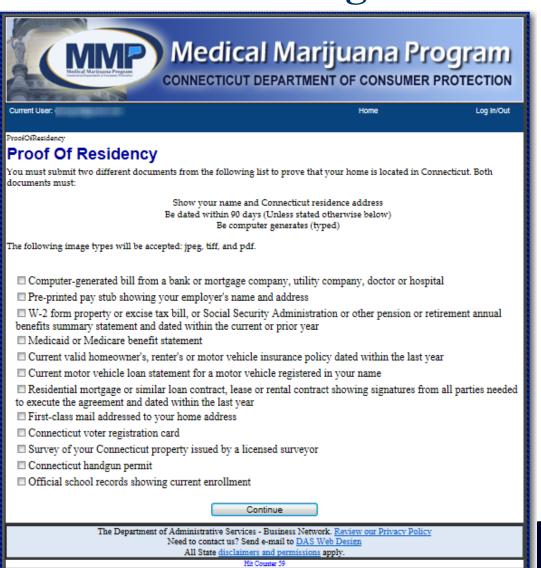
Patient Registration – Primary Caregiver Information

Medical Marijuana Program If applicable, patient must fill out primary CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION caregiver information. PrimaryCaregiver Primary Caregiver Information A copy of the primary caregiver's photo identification will be required. The name on this form must match the legal name on the primary caregiver's identification. Primary caregiver's Last Name Caregiver's First Name Middle Initial Caregiver's Home Address (include Apt or Suite #) Caregiver's City, State, ZIP Caregiver's Date of Birth Caregiver's
Male Female Caregiver's (mm/dd/yyyy) Caregiver's E-Mail Address Relationship to Patient Relationship Other Continue The Department of Administrative Services - Business Network. Review our Privacy Policy Need to contact us? Send e-mail to DAS Web Design All State disclaimers and permissions apply.



Patient must provide acceptable proof of identity.





Patient must provide acceptable proof of residency.





Upload	Upload Info	Description	
<u>Upload</u>		Connecticut Issued Driver's License	
<u>Upload</u>		Social Security Card	
<u>Upload</u>		Computer-generated bill from a bank or mortgage company, utility company, doctor or hospital	
<u>Upload</u>		Pre-printed pay stub showing your employer's name and address	
<u>Upload</u>		Current passport-sized photograph • Must be taken within the last 30 days • Taken against a plain white or off-white background • Two inches by two inches • In natural color • Provides a front, unobstructed view of my face • Has between 1 and 1 3/8 inches from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head. • Is jpeg format	
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 Patient will be instructed to upload or mail proof of identify and residency, in addition to a passportsized photograph.





Submit

I understand that any marijuana I acquire is for my use only and that I risk having my registration revoked if I sell,

share or otherwise provide my marijuana to any other person.

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Caregiver Registration

- Patients can only identify a caregiver if the physician determines there is a need for one and includes it on the certification.
- Caregiver log-in credentials will be based on the e-mail address and date of birth supplied by the patient.
 - A caregiver will not be able to access the system unless their information matches information supplied by a qualified patient.
 - An alternative login process will be provided for a caregiver without an email address.
- Caregiver registration process will otherwise be similar to the patient registration process.



Registration Fees

- During this period of temporary registrations, the application fee will be \$25 for each patient and caregiver.
- All registration and license fees will be used to fund the Medical Marijuana Program.



Medical Marijuana Program Important Dates Established by the Law

- October 1, 2012:
 - Qualified patients and caregivers can begin applying for temporary registration certificates.
- July 1, 2013:
 - On or before this date, the Department of Consumer Protection will submit regulations implementing the Act to the legislative regulation review committee.



QUESTIONS



