

# Medical Marijuana Program Patient Card Processes:

Good news! The process to become a Medical Marijuana Patient Cardholder has recently become quicker, easier, and much more convenient.

**For those looking to apply for a Nevada Medical Marijuana Patient Card, please follow these steps:**

- Obtain the Medical Marijuana Program Application Packet. You can do so by:
  - Mailing an application packet request to the State of Nevada. At which point, the packet will be mailed to the address you've provided in your application packet request.
  - Printing the application from the State of Nevada's website.
    - To print online:
      1. Visit <http://dpbh.nv.gov>
      2. Create an account with the State of Nevada
      3. Upload a scanned photo of your Nevada Driver's License of Identification Card
      4. Print the application packet
- Have a doctor fill out his/her recommendation for your use of medical marijuana. If you do not have a doctor who is willing to write a recommendation, we have suggestions on the backside of this handout (a list of qualifying medical conditions can also be found on the backside of this handout).
- Sign the waiver and acknowledgment in the presence of a Notary Public and have the forms notarized. You can find a legal notary at your bank, the post office, and/or a private notary.
- There are two options for submitting your application to the State of Nevada for approval:
  - Drop your completed application packet off to the State of Nevada in Carson City, NV.
    - The Department of Public & Behavioral Health is located at 4150 Technology Way, Suite 104, Carson City, NV 89706
    - The State of Nevada will accept a \$100 application fee (payable online or by check/money order)
  - Scan and submit your application online at <http://dpbh.nv.gov>

Once you have submitted your application, you will be issued a Medical Marijuana Program Approval Letter. Depending on the method used to submit your application, you will receive a print out from the State OR will need to print the letter out online.

Nevada Medical Marijuana Dispensaries are able to accept approval letters as a temporary form of your Patient Card, in addition to a valid Driver's License or Identification Card, which will allow you to purchase medicine. Your approval letter will be valid for sixty (60) days, and the State of Nevada will mail out your official Medical Marijuana Program Patient Card in the meantime.

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**For those already apart of the Nevada Medical Marijuana Program:**

Patients will not be required to visit the DMV to obtain their patient card. To spare patients a trip to the DMV, The Division and the DMV interfaced data systems so that patients' cards are mailed to them automatically.

The Medical Marijuana Program has a system in place to accommodate patients who currently have letters of approval, but who have not yet visited the DMV under the old rules. These patients will get their cards in the mail shortly, or will get a letter from the Division on how to proceed.

If you are having any issues in regard to receiving your patient card, please contact The State at (775) 687-7594.

## Resources in the Reno/Sparks Area:

Dr. Zeller  
Of Family Quick Care Clinic  
518 Pyramid Way  
Sparks, NV 89431  
(775) 800-1587  
\*Closed Wednesdays\*

Dr. Chapman & Dr. Brown  
Tahoe Wellness Clinic  
1121 Ski Run Blvd. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
South Lake Tahoe  
(530)448-2813

**Dept. of Public & Behavioral Health  
Medical Marijuana Program  
(775)687-7594  
FAX (775)684-4156  
4150 Technology Way, Suite 104  
Carson City, NV 89706  
<http://dpbh.nv.gov>**

Fountain of Youth  
724 S. Virginia Street  
Reno, NV 89501  
(775) 964-4888  
<http://www.foynv.com/>

Reno Medical Cannabis Referral  
890 Mill Street, Suite 205  
Reno, NV 89502  
(775)843-8427

If you obtain copies of your medical records to bring with you to your doctor's appointment, it helps to demonstrate the medical history of a chronic or debilitating condition and/or an established need for medicine. This could save you time and money by avoiding repeat visits with the doctor to establish a history.

### Fountain of Youth Evaluations

Fountain of Youth provides new patient cards with a doctor's evaluation and notary services for \$310 (which also includes the State's submission fee of \$100). In addition, they also provide a doctor's evaluation and notary services for patient card renewals for \$199 (which also includes the State's renewal fee of \$75).

### Nevada Laws Applicable to Patients

Medical marijuana patients in Nevada must be at least 18 years of age (or may be a minor with a parent or legal guardian designated as his/her primary caregiver) and must be a full-time resident of Nevada to register with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health's Medical Marijuana Registry (MMR). In order to register, a patient must meet with their Nevada-licensed physician after requesting and obtaining a medical marijuana registry application packet from the Division. Only an MD or DO physician are able to complete a portion of the application and provide a recommendation establishing that you have a qualifying medical condition specified by law.

#### Qualifying Conditions in Nevada

"Chronic or debilitating medical condition" means:

1. Acquired immune deficiency syndrome [For more information: [http://www.safeaccessnow.org/hiv\\_aids\\_booklet](http://www.safeaccessnow.org/hiv_aids_booklet)];
2. Cancer [For more information: <http://greensha.re/IgD02>];
3. Glaucoma [For more information: <http://greensha.re/nunGy>];
4. A medical condition or treatment for a medical condition that produces, for a specific patient, one or more of the following:
  - (a) Cachexia [For more information: <http://greensha.re/o0k3A>];
  - (b) Persistent muscle spasms, including, without limitation, spasms caused by multiple sclerosis [For more information: <http://greensha.re/VDxDi>];
  - (c) Seizures, including, without limitation, seizures caused by epilepsy [For more information: <http://greensha.re/y9Mah>];
  - (d) Severe nausea [For more information: <http://greensha.re/IKXjm>]; or
  - (e) Severe pain [For more information: <http://greensha.re/chronic-pain>]; or
5. Any other medical condition or treatment for a medical condition that is:
  - (a) Classified as a chronic or debilitating medical condition by regulation of the Division; or
  - (b) Approved as a chronic or debilitating medical condition pursuant to a petition submitted in accordance with state regulations.