

Delaware Medical Marijuana Program Questions & Answers

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Q: How do I apply for a medical marijuana card?

A: A patient who wishes to apply for the medical marijuana registry card program should go to the [program's website](#) and download the application documents. The patient application is a self-explanatory form that should be completed and signed by both the patient and the certifying physician. The physician certification is a part of (pages 4-5) the patient application that the patient's Delaware-licensed physician should complete and sign. The release of medical information is the last page of the application that the patient should sign and date. It allows the Office of Medical Marijuana to contact the patient's physician in order to verify the doctor/patient relationship and the validity of the physician's signature on the Physician Certification form.

Patients must mail all pages of the form, along with the application fee of \$125 and a copy of the patient's Delaware state-issued driver's license or identification card, to the Division of Public Health, Office of Medical Marijuana, 417 Federal Street, Suite 130, Dover, DE 19901.

The applicant's approval or denial will be returned within 45 days of receiving a complete application. Incomplete applications will delay this process significantly. If approved, the applicant will be invited to the Division of Public Health's Dover office to have a picture taken and be issued their registry card.

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Q: What are the qualifications for a patient to get a card?

A: The qualifications for a patient to receive a medical marijuana card include:

- being a resident of the state of Delaware;
- possessing a current State of Delaware-issued driver's license or identification card;
- being under the care of a physician currently licensed to practice in Delaware in accordance with 24 DEL.C. Chapters 17 and 19;
- possess a physician's certification indicating a qualifying debilitating medical condition.
 - "Debilitating medical condition" means one or more of the following:
 - cancer, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, decompensated cirrhosis, amyotrophic lateral, agitation of Alzheimer's disease, and intractable epilepsy, or the treatment of these conditions. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) can qualify as a debilitating medical condition when it manifests itself in severe physical suffering, such as severe or chronic pain or severe nausea and vomiting, or otherwise severely impairs the patient's physical ability to carry on the activities of daily living.
 - a chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or its treatment that produces 1 or more of the following: cachexia or wasting syndrome; severe, debilitating pain that has not responded to previously prescribed medication or surgical measures for more than 3 months or for which other treatment options produced serious side effects; intractable nausea; seizures; or severe and persistent muscle spasms, including but not limited to those characteristic of multiple sclerosis.

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Q: What medical conditions are covered by the program?

A: As mentioned above, cancer, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (HIV and AIDs), decompensated cirrhosis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), and agitation of Alzheimer's disease, and intractable epilepsy, or the treatment of these conditions. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) can qualify as a debilitating medical condition when it manifests itself in severe physical suffering, such as severe or chronic pain or severe nausea and vomiting, or otherwise severely impairs the patient's physical ability to carry on the activities of daily living.

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If you have questions about obtaining a physician's certification or whether you may qualify, talk to your physician or medical specialist.

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Q: How much does it cost to get a medical marijuana card?

A: The annual fee is \$125 and is non-refundable.

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Q: What if I can't pay the application fee?

A: There is a sliding payment scale for patients who demonstrate financial need.

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Q: How long is the card valid?

A: One year from the date it was issued. As required by the law, patients must re-apply annually.

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Q: Where do I get the marijuana from?

A: The State currently recognizes properly permitted compassion centers as the only legal way to obtain marijuana.

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Q: Is my out of state medical marijuana card accepted in Delaware?

A: No, there are no reciprocity agreements with other states.

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Q: Can I have my out-of-state doctor certify me for the card program?

A: No, physicians must be currently licensed to practice in Delaware in accordance with 24 DEL.C. Chapters 17 and 19.

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Q: Does the program have a list of doctors that they can refer me to that will certify me for the program?

A: No, patients must discuss health-related decisions with their primary care physician or specialist as part of any determination that medical marijuana is the best medical choice for their treatment.

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