

Utah medical cannabis program



People with a qualifying medical condition can work with their medical provider to get a medical cannabis card through the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Center for Medical Cannabis.

What is medical cannabis?

Medical cannabis is a treatment that uses the cannabis sativa plant to treat the symptoms for specific medical conditions, such as pain, seizures, or cancer.

The cannabis plant contains hundreds of chemicals (called cannabinoids) that may help treat the symptoms of these medical conditions.

Each cannabinoid works differently and can help to treat different symptoms. The most common cannabinoids include:

- THC (tetrahydrocannabinol): The main psychoactive cannabinoid in cannabis.
- CBD (cannabidiol): The main non-psychoactive cannabinoid in cannabis.

How does it work?

1. The patient meets with their medical provider. The provider completes a medical assessment to evaluate the patient's medical condition and decide if medical cannabis is a good treatment option.
The medical provider will submit a petition to the Utah Compassionate Use Board (CUB) for patients who are younger than 21 years or who don't have a qualifying medical condition.
2. The patient or medical clinic (on the patient's behalf) creates an account in the Utah medical cannabis database. This is called the electronic verification system (EVS).
3. The medical provider submits a medical cannabis certification in the patient's EVS account.
4. The patient pays the card registration fee and downloads the medical cannabis card from their EVS account.
5. The patient buys medical cannabis from any Utah medical cannabis pharmacy with their medical cannabis card.

Qualifying conditions

- Acute or persistent pain
- Alzheimer's disease
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
- Autism
- Cachexia
- Cancer
- Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis
- HIV or AIDS
- Multiple sclerosis (MS) or muscle spasms
- Nausea
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- A rare condition defined by the National Institutes of Health
- Terminal illness or hospice care

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