

New Hope Medicine

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Frequently Asked Questions

What happens after I get the recommendation for the division to issue me a card?

You must go to the TransAction Portal's (TAP) website [within 60 days] to upload and submit the required items. Renewing patients can expect their card in 1-2 weeks after submission. The Cannabis Control Division will automatically issue you a temporary registry card [new and renewing]. The expiration date of a temporary card is set initially for sixty (60) days but then will change to five (5) business days after the date of application approval. Please note that a temporary card can be deactivated immediately if an application is returned for correction or denied.

If you are unable to submit your application online or have questions regarding the application process, contact the Montana Cannabis Control Division at (406) 444-0596. Most dispensaries will assist with uploading the required documents. Whenever possible, it is recommended that you apply on your own.

How much cannabis can I buy and possess?

Registered cardholders have a default purchase limit of 1 o.z. per day and 5 o.z. total per month of marijuana flower. Non-flower purchases (such as edibles, topicals, or concentrates) also count towards the purchase limits via a conversion rate. 800 mg of marijuana infused products, 8 grams of THC or 8 mL of THC are equivalent to one ounce of flower. (ARM 37.107.128) Registered cardholders may purchase any combination of flower, edibles, or concentrates but the total must equal less than the daily and monthly available purchase limit.

If I choose to grow for myself, what am I allowed to have?

Registered cardholders who opt to grow their own medicine are allowed 4 mature and 4 seedling plants, with a maximum of 8 mature and 8 seedling plants per household if there are multiple cardholders (HB701 Section 41 (1)(c) (Mont. Code Ann. § 16-12-106(1)(c)). There are important property rules, refer to the property and kinship guidelines on page 2.

How do I find a dispensary, and can I use more than one?

You can find a complete list of providers on the Montana Cannabis Control Division's website. Program participants can purchase medicine from any registered Montana dispensary.

Can I grow and use a dispensary?

A registered cardholder who has the "self-cultivation" designation may grow at home and purchase from a dispensary. However, they must have that indicated on their medical card. If they do not, they can submit an "update" application and request that change be made to their card.

How do I medicate with marijuana?

There are many ways to medicate: Vaporizing, orally (edibles, tinctures, etc.), topical creams/lotions/salves, and smoking (rolled, pipe, etc.)...this is the most harmful and least recommended method!

When will my card expire?

Registry cards are valid for one year unless a shorter time is specified by the physician on the Physician Statement form. Cardholders must always carry their registry card with them, along with a picture ID.

What happens when I need to renew my card?

You are required by the program to see a physician each year and resubmit your information. New Hope Medicine will mail you a reminder eleven (11) months after your last visit. Please contact us if your mailing address changes.

Will I lose my Veterans benefits if I get a medical marijuana card?

No. Below is an excerpt directly from the US VA website:

"Veteran participation in state marijuana programs does not affect eligibility for VA care and services. VA providers can and do discuss marijuana use with Veterans as part of comprehensive care planning, and adjust treatment plans as necessary."

VA's Website: <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/marijuana.asp>

Frequently Asked Questions “CONTINUED”

Can I fly on airlines with my medical marijuana?

No. Possession of cannabis and cannabis-infused products, such as Cannabidiol (CBD) oil, is illegal under federal law. TSA officers are required to report any suspected violations of law, including possession of marijuana and cannabis-infused products. TSA’s screening procedures are focused on security and are designed to detect potential threats to aviation and passengers. Accordingly, TSA security officers do not search for marijuana or other illegal drugs. However, in the event a substance that appears to be marijuana or a cannabis-infused product is observed during security screening, they will refer the matter to local law enforcement.

Can I send or receive medical marijuana through the mail?

No. USPS, FedEx, and UPS all have restrictions prohibiting the transportation of cannabis and products containing THC.

Can I still have a card if I am convicted of a DUI?

If a driver’s license is revoked for DUI, the cardholder must surrender their card. It will not be reissued until the DUI revocation period has ended.

Can I be tested for marijuana if I am pulled over?

Registered cardholders who drive may be required, through a search warrant, to provide a blood sample if they are suspected of driving under the influence. A probable cause is required.

What happens if I use my medical marijuana card as photo identification at the DMV?

If you do, be prepared to have your physician complete a Driver Medical Evaluation form. A physician must indicate that you are ok to operate a vehicle. This also applies to all debilitating conditions that are self-disclosed to the DMV.

Property and Kinship Guidelines:

- If a registered cardholder applicant, or legal guardian of a minor applicant, plans on growing their own marijuana and rents or leases the property where they plan to cultivate and manufacture marijuana, include a notarized Property Owner Permission Form.
- A registered cardholder may not own, rent with, share, or lease to another registered cardholder or enrolled provider, any portion of the property used for cultivation and manufacture of marijuana for his or her use **unless:** The registered cardholders are related as a mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter, spouse, grandparent, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent-in-law, grandchild-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, stepson, stepdaughter, step-grandparent, or step-grandchild; and the other cardholder is not an enrolled provider or marijuana-infused products provider.

What are the differences between medical and recreational marijuana?

- Recreational marijuana will be taxed at 20% of retail sales. Local jurisdictions may charge an additional tax of up to 3%. Whereas medical marijuana will continue to be taxed at only 4% of retail sales.
- Increase allowable limits for THC. Recreational users are limited to the following: The total psychoactive THC of marijuana flower may not exceed 35%. Edibles cannot exceed 10 mg of THC per serving and can only contain up to 100 mg of THC in an entire package. Topical products may contain no more than 6% THC and no more than 800 mg of THC per package. A marijuana product sold as a capsule, transdermal patch, or suppository may not contain more than 100 mg of THC, and no more than 800 mg of THC in an entire package. These limits do not apply to sales by licensed medical marijuana providers to medical marijuana cardholders.
- Double the amount you are permitted to grow. Registered cardholders can cultivate 4 mature plants and 4 seedlings. Without a card, adults may only cultivate 2 mature plants and 2 seedlings.
- Practitioners *may* be more inclined to include marijuana in your treatment plan if marijuana has been recommended by a physician.

For more information, please contact:

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