

# Pennsylvania MMJ patients could wait weeks or months for an appointment when the state's program commences in 2018.

Pennsylvania's medical marijuana program is expected to be fully implemented in early 2018. Prospective patients are encouraged to take action early. Potentially tens of thousands of patients will be seeking their medical card once the program is underway. Patients who wait until 2018 may have to wait weeks or months for an appointment. (See instructions below on how to get on the early bird waiting list and beat the rush.)

The Pennsylvania program allows legal access to medical cannabis to residents suffering from 17 medical conditions. Patients approved for a card will be allowed to purchase a 30-day supply of cannabis-infused pills, oils, topical ointments, tinctures or liquids. The PA program *prohibits* the use of smokable cannabis products as well as edibles (cannabis-infused food items such as baked goods and candies).

## 17 qualifying conditions

The following is a list of conditions that the <u>Pennsylvania Department of Health's Medical Marijuana Program</u> has currently approved for patients to qualify for a PA medical cannabis card.

- Alzheimer's Disease
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
- Autism
- Cancer
- Crohn's Disease
- Glaucoma
- Hepatitis C
- HIV/AIDS
- Huntington's Disease
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Intractable Seizures
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Neuropathies
- Severe and Chronic Pain
- Severe Nausea
- Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms
- Sickle Cell Anemia Sickle Cell Anemia

# **Early Bird Waiting List**

Patients who wish to beat the rush can add their name to an early bird waiting list managed by Compassionate Certification Centers. Patients on the waiting list can expect to see a doctor very soon after the Department of Health begins registering patients. The physicians at Compassionate Certification Centers are a diverse list of medical cannabis experts who specialize in a variety of medical concentrations including: pain management, oncology, neurology, pediatrics, gastroenterology, immunology, primary care, rehabilitation, emergency medicine, and others. With <u>20 locations across the state</u>, patients will find a clinic within an hour's drive from 90% of the state.

#### Click here to add your name to the waiting list

## What will it cost to get a PA medical marijuana card?

It will cost \$199 per visit with a qualified doctor. If a patient is not qualified a \$100 refund will be issued. Compassionate Certification Centers also offers \$50 nurse consultations and \$25 CBD consultations. Yearly renewal of a medical marijuana card will cost \$125.

Patients who are already using medical cannabis will not only eliminate the risk of felony arrest by getting a card, they will also save money.

## **Complimentary MMJ-finder app**

Early bird patients who take advantage of the waiting list will get a free mobile app which connects patients with licensed dispensaries throughout the state. The app will walk patients through every step of the process – finding dispensaries, choosing products, explaining best practices for treatment, and more. The app will allow users to review products and dispensaries, and enjoy money saving special offers. The app alsorovides feedback to doctors and dispensaries to further cannabis research.

### How to refer a medical marijuana patient

Any healthcare providers who would like to recommend their clients and patients can do so easily by calling 888-316-9085 or by emailing megan@compassionatecertificationcenters.com.

For more information visit <u>compassionatecertificationcenters.com</u>, or call 888-316-9085.