

MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT

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Qualifying Conditions

Cancer, Parkinson's, Huntington's, muscular dystrophy, glaucoma, spastic quadriplegia, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Crohn's, ulcerative colitis, sickle cell anemia, Alzheimer's, agitation of dementia, PTSD, autism, pain refractory to opioid management, diabetic/peripheral neuropathy, spinal cord disease, or severe injury; chronic disease, condition, or treatment that causes cachexia or wasting; severe nausea, seizures, severe and persistent muscle spasms, or chronic pain

Patient Registry and Identification Cards



- Mississippi residents must have a bona fide relationship with their certifying physician, register with the MS Dept of Health, and pay a 25 dollar fee for a 12 month identification card
- Nonresidents: must be diagnosed with a qualifying condition in their home state, not be a resident of Mississippi or lived in Mississippi for less than 45 days, and submit their documentation to the MS Dept of Health; they can receive two 15 day passes in a 12 month period
- Applications will be available June 2022



Practitioner's Registry and Certifications

- Physicians, Physicians Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and Optometrists are qualified to register to certify patients for medical cannabis cards
- To be placed on the practitioner registry, they need to complete 8 hours of continuing education in medical cannabis for the first year and 5 hours every year after
- To issue patient certifications, they must complete an in-person assessment of the patient and a follow-up assessment after six months
- Applications will be available June 2022

Licenses Available

- Micro-Cultivation • Cultivation
- Micro-Processing • Research
- Processing • Transportation
- Disposal • Testing • Dispensary

Taxation

- Cultivation Facilities pay a 5% excise tax on the sales price or fair market price if vertical ownership
- MS Dept of Revenue will set the fair market price of flower and trim by November 1, 2022 and will recalculate it on January 1 and July 1 of every year after
- Dispensaries will collect and remit sales tax on retail purchases

Mississippi Medical Cannabis Equivalency Unit (MMCEU)



- One MMCEU equals 3.5 grams of medical cannabis flower, 1 gram of medical cannabis concentrate, or 100 mg of THC in an infused product
- Patients can purchase 6 MMCEUs in a week, 24 MMCEUs in a month, and possess no more than 28 MMCEUs at one time

Zoning & Opt-Outs

- Cultivation and Processing Facilities = Agricultural and Industrial Zones (plus Commercial with a Variance)
- Dispensaries, Research Facilities, and Testing Facilities = Commercial Zones
- Facilities must not be within 1000 feet of a school, church, or daycare unless they have a waiver from the organization
- Dispensary entries must be 1500 feet from each other
- A county or municipality may "opt-out" of one or all of: cultivation, processing, and sale/distribution by Tuesday, May 3, 2022
- Citizens may opt back in by presenting the county or municipality with a petition of 20% percent or 1500 signatures (whichever is lesser) of qualified voters, with an election held no more than 60 days after filing of the petition

Timelines

- June 2022: MS Dept of Health shall begin to issue licenses for: Cultivation, Processing, Testing, Research, Disposal and Transportation within 30 days or within 30 days of receipt of application
- July 2022: MS Dept of Revenue shall begin to issue licenses for: Dispensaries within 30 days or within 30 days of receipt of application

NAICS codes:

- 111419 - Cultivator/Grower
- 621511 - Testing Facility
- 424590 - Processor/Wholesaler
- 484220 - Transporter (local freight)
- 484230 - Transporter (long distance)
- 453998 - Dispensary
- 562211 - Waste Disposal