

## Changes for medical marijuana patients

In addition to the option to join the new authorization database, the law requires:

### Standard Authorization Form

All **medical marijuana authorizations** must be written on the Department of Health form dated June 2015 (or later). All previous medical marijuana forms and cards will not be accepted at the licensed and medically endorsed marijuana stores.

### Medical Marijuana Consultants

A **certified medical marijuana consultant** is on staff in every licensed and medically endorsed marijuana store. The consultant is not a medical provider and can only:

- Enter patient and designated provider information from the authorization form into the database and create the medical marijuana recognition card.
- Assist the patient with selecting products.
- Describe risks and benefits of methods for using products.
- Give advice on ways to properly store products and keep them safe from children and pets.
- Provide instruction on proper use of products.
- Answer questions about the new law.

### Recognition Card Fee

A \$1 fee is required from the cardholder when their card is created. This fee is collected by the medically endorsed store and paid to the Department of Health.

## Medical marijuana laws and rules

The **Cannabis Patient Protection Act** (SB5052) was signed into law April 2015 and went into full effect on July 1, 2016.

This law aligns licensing and regulation of all marijuana producers, processors and stores under the oversight of the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. This includes medically endorsed marijuana stores.

Read the specific laws and rules for the medical marijuana database:

- **RCW 69.51A.230**
- **Chapter 246-71 WAC**



## Learn more...

**Washington State Department of Health  
Medical Marijuana Program**

[www.doh.wa.gov/medicalmarijuana](http://www.doh.wa.gov/medicalmarijuana)

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# Medical Marijuana Database



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# Join database, get medical marijuana card...

## Database benefits

The medical marijuana recognition card generated by the database gives the cardholder many benefits:

- May buy up to three times the current limit at any licensed and medically endorsed marijuana store.
- May buy products at a licensed and medically endorsed marijuana store without paying sales and use tax.
- May buy high-THC products, when available.
- May have six plants and eight ounces of usable marijuana in their home. A healthcare practitioner may authorize more plants to a maximum of 15. Patients so authorized may have up to 16 ounces of usable marijuana produced from their plants.
- May participate in a registered medical marijuana cooperative.
- If the cardholder follows all laws, they are protected from arrest.

## How to get entered in the database

- **Bring your medical marijuana authorization form to any licensed and medically endorsed marijuana store.**
- **Ask to see the medical marijuana consultant on staff who can enter your information into the database and create your medical marijuana recognition card.**

## Voluntary for patients

Medical marijuana patients are not required to be in the authorization database unless the patient is under the age of 18 years.

- Patients and designated providers who hold valid authorizations but choose not to be in the database may buy only what the laws allow for non-patients.
- Patients and designated providers will still have an affirmative defense to criminal prosecution if they have no more than four plants and six ounces of usable marijuana in their home.

## Find a store

Licensed and medically endorsed marijuana stores should have the logo at right on their door or window.

**A list of all medically endorsed stores** is on the Washington State Department of Health website at [www.doh.wa.gov/medicalmarijuana/](http://www.doh.wa.gov/medicalmarijuana/)



## Who can access the database

The medical marijuana authorization database is a secure system. State law strictly limits who can view database information and how information can be used.

The database is not linked to any other state or private systems. Only the following people can see information from the database to:

- **Access their patients' healthcare information from the database:**
  - Authorizing healthcare practitioners
- **Add patient information from the authorization form:**
  - Certified medical marijuana consultant working in a medically endorsed marijuana store
- **Learn who has accessed their healthcare information:**
  - Qualifying patient
  - Designated provider
- **Provide administration or get reports:**
  - Database administrator
  - Washington State Department of Health
  - Washington State Department of Revenue
  - Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board
- **Verify that a card is valid:**
  - Law enforcement
  - Employee working in a medically endorsed marijuana store