

Legal Protections

As a registered patient in NJ's Medicinal Cannabis Program, you have the right to lawfully consume medicinal cannabis in your home without fear of arrest, prosecution, property forfeiture, and criminal penalties. Below are protections outlined in the Law:

- No public or private school or college can refuse to enroll someone just because they are a registrant. The only exception is if enrolling them would cause the school or college to lose money or a license under federal law.
- No one can refuse to rent, lease, or sublease any property or treat a prospective tenant unfairly simply because they are a registrant. The only exception is if not following this rule would cause the person to lose a money-related or licensing benefit under federal law.
- Being a registered patient does not in itself give grounds to restrict or deny a person from having custody of or visiting their minor child.
- Possession of a registry card shall not alone constitute probable cause to search the person or registrant's property by any government agency.
- It is unlawful to take any negative employment action against an employee who is a registered qualifying patient solely based on their status as a registrant with the Commission.






About the MCP

New Jersey's Medicinal Cannabis Program (MCP) helps registered patients access cannabis-based medicine from regulated dispensaries. Patients can receive up to 85 grams (3 ounces) every 30 days from their healthcare practitioner. If patients cannot travel to a dispensary, they can designate up to two registered caregivers to make purchases on their behalf.

The MCP offers free digital ID cards for new and renewing patients and caregivers. Physical cards cost \$10.

Learn more:

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Medicinal Cannabis Program (MCP)

Patient Rights and Protections



The Right to Quality Care

As a registered medicinal cannabis patient, you have the right to explore your health options and discuss medicinal cannabis with a healthcare provider. This includes:

- Safe, considerate and respectful care, provided in a manner consistent with your beliefs;
- The ability to discuss medicinal cannabis treatment without being stigmatized or judged;
- Access to a registered healthcare provider who can assist you with medicinal cannabis authorization and provide continuation of care for your medical needs;
- Having and maintaining an ongoing relationship with a healthcare provider who is responsible for the assessment, care, and treatment of your qualifying medical condition;
- Access to lab testing medicinal cannabis products and a certificate of analysis; and
- The ability to designate up to two (2) caregivers to assist you with buying, storing, transporting, and administering medicinal cannabis.



The Right to Possess Cannabis

- As a registered medicinal cannabis patient, your medical use of cannabis is protected under NJ Cannabis Law (P.L. 2009, c.307).
- A qualifying patient or their designated caregiver has the right to legally purchase and possess a maximum of 85 grams (3 ounces) of medical cannabis within a 30-day period.

The Right to Privacy

As a registered medicinal cannabis patient, you have the right to keep your status as a registered medicinal cannabis patient private.

- Your status as a registered medicinal cannabis patient is considered protected health information, so long as the provider maintaining your health information is covered under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- It is your right to choose when and with whom you share your status. Only upon your written request, can the Cannabis Regulatory Commission's Office of Patient Services confirm your status as a medicinal cannabis patient.

Cannabis and Driving

It is important to remember that it is still illegal for **any individual** to drive or operate heavy machinery while consuming or under the influence of cannabis.



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