



The following guidance is provided by the Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) to assist existing medical cannabis program participants to understand the new State laws and regulations governing the medical program that take effect July 1, 2023. This document is not legal advice. It is meant to highlight operational changes for **the medical cannabis program**. Please consult an attorney if you have any questions regarding the legal requirements that apply.

The new emergency regulations under COMAR 14.17 are supplemental to the State's existing medical program regulations codified in COMAR 10.62. Accordingly, few regulatory changes have been adopted that impact medical patients or caregivers.

All patient, provider, and caregiver registrations issued by the MMCC are valid until the expiration date listed in your OneStop account.

The MCA will manage the following operations in the same capacity as under the prior MMCC regulations, including:

- Registration of Certifying Providers;
- Registration of Patients and Caregivers;
- Issuance and renewal of Written Certifications;
- Issuance and renewal of Patient and Caregiver Identification cards;
- Petition for the approval of new conditions; and'
- Clinical Director availability requirements.

Patient Accommodations

Additionally, the following regulations have been added to ensure patient and caregiver access to their medicine including:

- Reserved patient hours for medical-only dispensing;
- Reserved patient lanes at licensed dispensaries; and
- Reserved products for medical patients, including:
 - Concentrated cannabis products;
 - Other cannabis products including edibles, capsules, tinctures, etc. with greater than 10 mg of THC per serving or 100 mg of THC per package.
 - *Note: Patients are still able to purchase any product available at the dispensary, regardless of type or potency, tax-free.*
- Permitting only patients and caregivers to use certain accessibility accommodations such as curbside dispensing (on-site delivery in accordance with [Bulletin 2021-009](#) and [Bulletin 2020-006](#)) and delivery services.

Point of Sale Procedures

Patients will no longer be required to complete a patient attestation at the point-of-sale.

Permanent regulations that previously went into effect on April 21, 2023 - with a proposal published in the Maryland Register on February 10, 2023 - amended the procedures for dispensing medical cannabis in [COMAR 10.62.30.03](#) to require patients to present the identification card number *and* a government-issued identification. This change was made to account for individual photos no longer being required to be printed on medical patient ID's. *Medical patients should present a valid government-issued photo identification when purchasing medical cannabis, in addition to providing their medical patient ID card or ID number. Correspondingly, dispensary agents should be requiring valid government-issued photo IDs from both medical patients and adult-use consumers.*

Questions?

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