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STATE MEDICAL BOARDS

Medical Marijuana
State-by-State Overview

Document Summary:

- Thirty-five (35) states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands permit the medical use of marijuana.
- Eleven (11) states have enacted limited access marijuana product laws permitting only low (or zero) Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and high Cannabidiol (CBD) products to treat specific medical conditions.
- Eighteen (18) states, the District of Columbia, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam have legalized the recreational use of marijuana for adults.

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AL	√ ⁺ⁱ	2014	Ala. Code § 13A-12-214.2 “Possession and use of cannabidiol”	
AK	√ ^{*ii}	1998 2014	AS § 17.37.10 et seq. “Medical Uses of Marijuana for Persons Suffering from Debilitating Medical Conditions Act” Alaska Ballot Proposition 2 of 2014 “An Act to Tax and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of Marijuana.”	See also: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Pages/marijuana.aspx
AZ	√ [*]	2010 2020	ARST 36, Ch. 28.1, et seq. “Arizona Medical Marijuana Act” Prop 207 of 2020 “Relating to the Responsible Adult Use, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana”	See also: http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/title_09/9-17.htm and http://www.azdhs.gov/medicalmarijuana/physicians/
AR	√	2016	Arkansas Ballot Issue 6 “The Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment”	

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CA	√*	1996	Cal. Health & Safety Code § 11357-11362.9 “Compassionate Use Act of 1996”	See also: http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MMP/Pages/default.aspx http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Prescribing/Medical_Marijuana.aspx
		2016	California Ballot Proposition 64 “The Adult Use of Marijuana Act”	
CO	√*	2000	CRSA Const. Art. 18 § 14 A Constitutional Amendment to allow for the medical use of marijuana for persons suffering from debilitating medical conditions	See also: www.goo.gl/KXNvvF and http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hs/Medicalmarijuana/index.html
			CRSA § 25-1.5-106 “Medical Marijuana Program”	
		2012	Colorado Amendment 64 “Use and Regulation of Marijuana”	
CT	√	2012	2012 Conn. Legis. Serv. P.A. 12-55 “The Palliative Use of Marijuana”	See also: http://www.ct.gov/dcp/cwp/view.asp?a=4287&q=503670&dcpNav= &dcpNav_GID=2109
DE	√	2011	16 DE Code § 4920A “The Delaware Medical Marijuana Act”	See also: http://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/hsp/medmarhome.html
DC	√*	2010	DC ST § 7-1671.01 et seq. “Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Amendment Act of 2010”	See also: http://doh.dc.gov/service/medical-marijuana-program
		2014	DC Ballot Initiative 71 “Legalization of Home Cultivation and Possession of Minimal Amounts of Marijuana for Personal Use Act of 2014”	
FL	√	2016	Florida Ballot Amendment 2 “Use of Marijuana for Debilitating Medical Conditions”	
GA	√+	2015	Ga. Code Ann. § 16-12-191 “Regulation of Low THC Oil”	
GU	√*	2014	Public Law 33-220 “Joaquin Concepcion II Compassionate Care Act”	See also: http://dphss.guam.gov/medical-cannabis-license-applications/
		2019	Bill No. 32-35 “Guam Cannabis Industry Act of 2019”	

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HI	√	2000	HRS § 329-121 et seq. “Medical Use of Marijuana Act”	See also: http://health.hawaii.gov/std-aids/medical-marijuana-program/ and http://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Physian-Information-Med-Marijuana-rev113011.pdf
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IL	√*	2013	410 ILCS § 130 “Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act”	See also: http://www2.illinois.gov/gov/mcpp/Pages/default.aspx and http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/MedicalCannabis/
		2019	410 ILCS § 705 “Cannabis Tax and Regulation Act of 2019”	
IN	√+	2017	Public Law 188 of 2017	
IA	√+	2014	Iowa Code § 124D “Medical Cannabidiol Act”	See also: http://idph.iowa.gov/mcarcp
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KY	√+	2014	K.R.S. § 218A.010 “Marijuana – Definition”	
LA	√	2015	La. Stat. Ann. § 40:1046 “Therapeutic Use of Marijuana” La. Admin. Code tit. 46, § 7701 et seq. “Marijuana for Therapeutic Use by Patients Suffering from a Debilitating Medical Condition”	See also: http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2892 and https://www.lsbme.la.gov/content/therapeutic-marijuana-guidance
ME	√*	1999	22 MRSA § 2421 et seq. “Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act”	See also: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/dlrs/mmm/ and http://www.maine.gov/legis/lawlib/medmarij.html
		2016	Maine Ballot Question 1 “Marijuana Legalization Act”	
MD	√	2014	MD Code § 13-3301 et seq. “Natalie LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission”	See also: http://dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/Medical%20Marijuana%20Commission.aspx
MA	√*	2013	M.G.L. 369 “For the Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana”	See also: http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/medical-marijuana/
		2016	Massachusetts Ballot Question 4 “Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana”	

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MI	√*	2008 2018	MCLA 333.26421 et seq. “Michigan Medical Marihuana Act” Proposal 18-1 “Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act”	See also: https://www.michigan.gov/marijuana/
MN	√	2014	M.S.L. 361 §§ 1-22 “Medical Cannabis (Marijuana) Registry Program Establishment”	See also: http://www.health.state.mn.us/topics/cannabis/
MS	√	2014 2020	Miss. Code Ann. § 41-29-136 “Harper Grace’s Law” Initiative 65 of 2020 “Medical Marijuana”	
MO	√	2014	Mo. Rev. Stat. § 192.945.1 “Registration Cards” Mo. Rev. Stat. § 195.207.1 “Use of Hemp Extract” Mo. Rev. Stat. § 261.265.1 “License Issuance” Amendment 2 “Right to Access Medical Marijuana”	See also: https://health.mo.gov/safety/medical-marijuana/
MT	√*	2004 2020	M.C.A. § 50-46-301 et seq. “Montana Marijuana Act” Initiative 190 of 2020 “Legalization of the possession and use of limited amounts of marijuana for adults over the age of 21”	See also: http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/qad/Licensure/MMP.aspx
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NV	√*	2000 2016	NRS 453A.010 et seq. “Medical Use of Marijuana” Nevada Ballot Question 2 “Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act”	See also: http://health.nv.gov/MedicalMarijuana.htm and http://www.medboard.nv.gov/Advisory%20Opinions/No.%2014-1%20Adv.%20Op..pdf and http://license.k3systems.com/LicensingPublic/docs/PositionPaperRegardingMedicalMarijuana_20140909.pdf

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NH	√	2013	RSA 126-X “Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes”	See also: http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/oos/tcp/index.htm
NJ	√*	2010	NJSA 24:6I-1 et seq. “New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act”	See also: http://www.state.nj.us/health/medicalmarijuana/
		2020	Public Question 1 of 2020 “Constitutional Amendment to Legalize Marijuana”	
NM	√*	2007	NMSA 1978 Section 26-2B-1 et seq. “Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act”	See also: http://nmhealth.org/about/mcp/svcs/hpp/
		2021	N.M. Stat. § 7-43-47 “Cannabis Regulation Act”	
NY	√*	2014	NY Pub. Health L. § 3360 - 3369 “Compassionate Care Act”	See also: http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/medical_marijuana/
		2021	Senate Bill S854A “Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act”	
NC	√+	2014	N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-113.100 – .106 “Epilepsy Alternative Treatment Act”	
ND	√	2016	North Dakota Initiated Statutory Measure 5 “Medical Marijuana”	
OH	√	2016	House Bill 523 “Medical Marijuana Control Program”	See also: http://www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/
OK	√	2015	Okla. Stat. tit. 2A §§ 2-801 – 805 “Clinical Trials – Definitions”	See also: http://omma.ok.gov/
		2018	State Question 78	
OR	√*	1998	ORS § 475.300 et seq. “Oregon Medical Marijuana Act”	See also: http://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/ChronicDisease/MedicalMarijuanaProgram/Pages/index.aspx
		2014	Oregon Legalized Marijuana Initiative, Measure 91 “Control, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana and Industrial Hemp Act of 2014”	

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PA	√	2016	2016 Public Act 16 “Medical Marijuana”	
PR	√	2016	Regulation 155 “The Use, Cultivation, Manufacture, Production, Fabrication, Dispensing, Distribution, and Investigation of Medical Cannabis”	
RI	√	2006	Gen. Laws 1956, § 21-28.6-1 et seq. “The Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act”	See also: http://www.health.ri.gov/healthcare/medicalmarijuana/for/providers/
SC	√+	2014	S.C. Code Ann. § 44-53-1820 “FDA approved clinical trials to treat patients who have certain forms of epilepsy with Cannabidiol”	
SD	√*	2020	Initiated Measure 26 of 2020 “An initiated measure on legalizing marijuana for medical use” Constitutional Amendment A of 2020 “An amendment to the South Dakota Constitution to legalize, regulate, and tax marijuana”	
TN	√+	2014	Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-402(16) “Marijuana – Definition”	
TX	√+	2015	Tex. Health & Safety Code § 487 “Texas Compassionate-Use Act”	See also: http://www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/CUP/
UT	√	2014	Utah Code § 26-56 “Hemp Extract Registration Act”	
		2018	Utah Code § 4-41b-101 “The Utah Medical Cannabis Act”	
VT	√*	2004	18 VSA § 4472 et seq. “Therapeutic Use of Cannabis” 18 VSA. § 4230 “Marijuana”	See also: http://vcic.vermont.gov/marijuana_registry/physicians

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VA	√*	2015	Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-3408.3 “Certification for use of cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil to treat intractable epilepsy”	See also: https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/pharmacy/PharmaceuticalProcessing/FAQ.htm
		2021	Va. Code Ann. § 551 “Virginia Cannabis Control Act (CCA)”	
VI	√	2019	Bill No. 32-0135 “Virgin Islands Medicinal Cannabis Care Act”	
WA	√*	1998	RCW 69.51a “Washington State Medical Use of Cannabis Act”	See also: http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/MedicalMarijuanaCannabis/HealthCareProvidersFrequentlyAskedQuestions.aspx
		2012	Washington Initiative 502 “Washington Marijuana Legalization and Regulation”	
WV	√	2017	Senate Bill 386 “Medical Cannabis Act”	See also: https://dhhr.wv.gov/bph/Pages/Medical-Cannabis-Program.aspx
WI	√+	2014	Wis. Stat. §§ 961.14, 961.34, 961.38 “Controlled Substances Therapeutic Research”	
WY	√+	2015	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-7-1901 “Supervised Medical use of Hemp Extracts”	

For informational purposes only: This document is not intended as a comprehensive statement of the law on this topic, nor to be relied upon as authoritative. Non-cited laws, regulation, and/or policy could impact analysis on a case-by-case or state-by-state basis. All information should be verified independently.

ⁱ “√+” means that the state permits limited access marijuana products (low (or zero) Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and high Cannabidiol (CBD)) to treat specific medical conditions.

ⁱⁱ “√*” means that the state has legalized both medical and recreational use of marijuana.