



**FEDERATION OF  
STATE MEDICAL BOARDS**

## CME Requirements for Medical Marijuana

### State-by-State Overview

	CME Requirement	Statute/Regulation Citation
AL	NO	
AK	NO	
AZ	NO*	* The AZ Dept. of Health Services provides a free 5-hr CME course on the roles and expectations of the Medical Marijuana program. <a href="https://directorsblog.health.azdhs.gov/medical-marijuana-continuing-medical-education/">https://directorsblog.health.azdhs.gov/medical-marijuana-continuing-medical-education/</a>
AR	NO*	* The Medical Board recommends that all physicians who complete the written certification take 3 hours of CME in courses which will provide physicians with information which will help as they evaluate patients. Such courses may include the pharmacology of marijuana; contraindications; side effects; adverse reactions; overdose prevention; drug interactions; dosing; routes of administration; risks and benefits; warning and precautions; and abuse and dependence. <a href="https://www.armedicalboard.org/Professionals/pdf/Guidelines%20for%20Completing%20Medical%20Marijuana.pdf">https://www.armedicalboard.org/Professionals/pdf/Guidelines%20for%20Completing%20Medical%20Marijuana.pdf</a>
CA	NO	
CO	NO	
CT	NO	
DE	NO	
DC	NO	
FL	YES	Before being approved as a qualified physician, as defined in paragraph (1)(m), and before each license renewal, a physician must successfully complete a 2-hour course and subsequent examination offered by the Florida Medical Association or the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association which encompass the requirements of this section and any rules adopted hereunder. The course and examination shall be administered at least annually and may be offered in a distance learning format, including an electronic, online format that is available upon request.  <a href="http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&amp;URL=0300-0399/0381/Sections/0381.986.html">http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&amp;URL=0300-0399/0381/Sections/0381.986.html</a>
GA	NO	
GU	NO	
HI	NO	
ID	NO	
IL	NO	
IN	NO	
IA	NO	
KS	NO	
KY	NO	
LA	NO	

ME	NO	
MD	NO	
MA	YES	Physicians must complete a minimum of 2.0 Category 1 continuing professional development credits prior to issuing written certifications for the medical use of marijuana. <a href="https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/07/rw/physician-guidance-2015-06-09.pdf">https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/07/rw/physician-guidance-2015-06-09.pdf</a>
MI	NO	
MN	NO*	* The MN Dept. of Health, in collaboration with TheAnswerPage, offers 22.5 CME, ANCC and ACPE credits and risk management on the endocannabinoid system and the therapeutic use of medical cannabis. <a href="https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/cannabis/practitioners/index.html">https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/cannabis/practitioners/index.html</a>
MS	NO	
MO	NO	
MP	N/A	
MT	NO	
NC	NO	
ND	NO	
NE	NO	
NH	NO	
NJ	NO	
NM	NO*	* The NM Dept. of Health encourages certifying practitioners to obtain at least 2 hours of CME annually related to the medicinal use of cannabis. <a href="https://www.nmhealth.org/about/mcp/svcs/hpp/">https://www.nmhealth.org/about/mcp/svcs/hpp/</a>
NV	NO	
NY	YES	A minimum of a 2-hour approved course must be completed by providers who aspire to certify patients for medical cannabis. Courses include the following content: the pharmacology of cannabis; contraindications; side effects; adverse reactions; overdose prevention; drug interactions; dosing; routes of administration; risks and benefits; warnings and precautions; and abuse and dependence. <a href="https://cannabis.ny.gov/practitioners">https://cannabis.ny.gov/practitioners</a>
OH	YES	2 hours of CME in a course or courses certified by the Ohio State Medical Association of the Ohio Osteopathic Association that assists physicians in both of the following: 1) diagnosing qualifying medical conditions, and 2) treating qualifying medical conditions with medical marijuana, including the characteristics of medical marijuana and possible drug interactions. <a href="http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4731-32">http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4731-32</a>
OK	NO	
OR	YES	3 hours of Category 1 CME related to medical marijuana; ideally, this should be completed before the physician begins making recommendations for marijuana. <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/PreventionWellness/marijuana/Documents/OHA-9262-Attending-Physician-Guidelines.pdf">https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/PreventionWellness/marijuana/Documents/OHA-9262-Attending-Physician-Guidelines.pdf</a>
PA	YES	Physicians shall complete a 4-hour training course approved by the Department prior to being included in the practitioner registry. The requirements of the training course must include, at a minimum, all of the following: (1) The provisions of the act and this part relevant to the responsibilities of a practitioner or medical professional. (2) General information about medical marijuana under Federal and State law. (3) The latest scientific research on the endocannabinoid system and medical marijuana, including the risks and benefits of medical marijuana. (4) Recommendations for medical marijuana as it relates to the continuing care of a patient in the following areas: (i) Pain management, including opioid use in conjunction with medical marijuana. (ii) Risk management, including drug interactions, side effects and potential addiction from medical marijuana use. (iii) Palliative care. (iv) The misuse of opioids and medical marijuana. (v) Recommendations for use of medical marijuana and obtaining informed consent from a patient. (vi) Any other area determined by the Department. (5) Use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. (6) Best practices for recommending the form and dosage of medical marijuana products based on the patient's serious medical condition and the practitioner's or medical professional's medical specialty and training.

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		(c) Successful completion of the course required under subsection (a) shall be approved as continuing education credits as determined by: (1) The State Board of Medicine and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine. <a href="https://www.pacode.com/secure/data/028/chapter1181/chap1181toc.html">https://www.pacode.com/secure/data/028/chapter1181/chap1181toc.html</a>
PR	N/A	
RI	YES	3 hours or equivalent of Category 1 CME regarding medical marijuana every two (2) years as part of usual CME/CE requirement. <a href="https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/216-20-10-3">https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/216-20-10-3</a>
SC	NO	
SD	NO	
TN	NO	
TX	NO	
UT	NO	
VT	NO	
VI	NO	
VA	NO	
WA	YES	A healthcare practitioner issuing authorizations or valid documentation for the medical use of marijuana on or after the effective date of these guidelines, should complete a minimum of three hours of continuing education related to medical marijuana. Such program should explain the proper use of marijuana (cannabis), including the pharmacology and effects of marijuana (e.g., distinction between cannabidiol (CBD) and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC); methods of administration; and potential side effects or risks).  <a href="https://wmc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/DOH%20MMJ%20authorization%20guidelines%20-%20Adopted%20by%20WMC%20July%202020.pdf">https://wmc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/DOH%20MMJ%20authorization%20guidelines%20-%20Adopted%20by%20WMC%20July%202020.pdf</a>
WV	YES	Must complete a 4 hour course established by the Dept. of Health & Human Resources' Bureau for Public Health. <a href="https://www.medforums.com/courses/west-virginia-medical-cannabis-program-4-hr-required-course-cme-ce">https://www.medforums.com/courses/west-virginia-medical-cannabis-program-4-hr-required-course-cme-ce</a>
WI	NO	
WY	NO	

Key: ☒ State has comprehensive program ☐ State permits low-THC/high-CBD products

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