



Medical Cannabis Program

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Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act

The purpose of the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act is to allow the **beneficial use** of medical cannabis in a **regulated system** for **alleviating symptoms** caused by debilitating medical conditions and their medical treatments.

Purpose of the Medical Cannabis Program (MCP)

- Approve and issue patient registry cards to **qualified patients** and their **primary caregivers**
- Issue licenses to producers and regulate
- Convene the Medical Cannabis Advisory Board
 - Meets twice per year to evaluate the potential addition of new **qualifying conditions**

Qualified Patients

- Qualified Patient must be diagnosed with one of the 28 approved medical conditions
- Between 150 - 900 applications are received daily (new and renewing patients, PPL, and Caregiver)
- At the end of September 2019:
 - Over 77,000 patients in the program
 - 8,100 Personal Production Licenses
 - 231 minors enrolled in the program



Potential Therapeutic Effects/Benefits

THC

(delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol)

- Intoxicating effects
- Appetite stimulant
- Decreased intraocular pressure
- Analgesic/neuropathic pain
- Antispasmodic
- Antiemetic

CBD

(cannabidiol)

- Not intoxicating
- Analgesic/neuropathic pain
- Antipsychotic effects
- Anticonvulsant
- Neuro-protective effects
- Antispasmodic
- Antiemetic

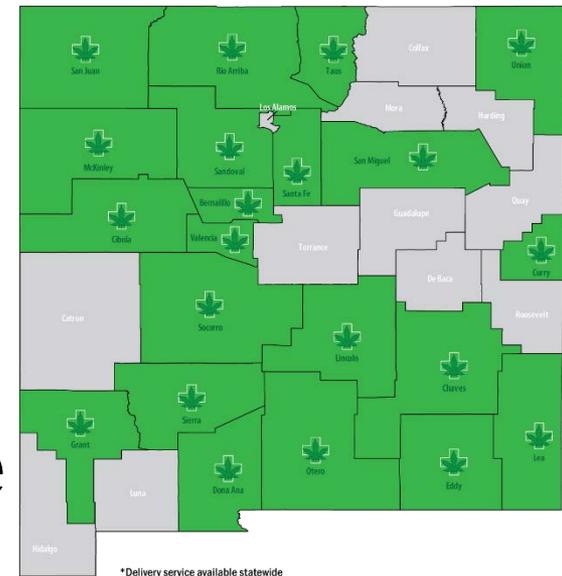
Producers and Dispensaries

34 Licensed Non-Profit Producers

- 98 Dispensaries
- 21 Counties
- locations can not be within 300 feet of a church, school or daycare

Average Price ~\$10/g

MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES



What Enrollment Provides

- Legal protection to possess an **adequate supply**
- The right to have items used for consumption of medical cannabis (i.e. paraphernalia)
- The right to purchase from Licensed Non-Profit Producers
- The option of applying for a Personal Production License
- Participants must carry their ID card - if they do not have it, they must be given time to produce it
- “By-standers” can not be arrested or prosecuted simply for being in the presence of medical cannabis

What Enrollment Provides

- Employment Protection
- Probation/Parole Protection
- Enrollment is not basis for CYFD involvement
- Allows minors to use as schools in compliance with school procedures. May not smoke.





- Website: www.nmhealth.org/go/mcp
- Program Phone: (505) 827-2321
- Email: medical.cannabis@state.nm.us
- Law enforcement 24 hours a day

Thank You!

