

AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credit™ Cannabis & Cannabinoid Education

Forty states have now passed laws that allow for the medical use of cannabis or its derivatives under the care of a medical professional. Each state has different participation requirements for patients and their medical professionals. The Cannabis Care Certification (CCC) program combines CME education with practical tools for medical professionals and available cannabis treatment options for their patients.

CCC includes "Cannabis 101" CME curriculum (up to 20 hours available), support in navigating state laws and regulations, materials for talking to your patients about cannabis treatments and options for material updates.

WHY CHOOSE CCC

- Current information on state-by-state requirements for recommending cannabis.
- Overview of federal laws and memos concerning medical professionals and cannabis.
- Cannabis Care Certification: requirement review and 5 hours CME credits on Cannabis 101.
- Over twenty medical cannabis CME curricula.
- Discounts on all TAP's numerous continuing medical education programs.
- Access to educational materials for patients on administration.

WHO WE ARE

Americans for Safe Access Foundation (ASA), the nation's leading medical cannabis advocacy organization, has teamed up with TheAnswerPage (www.TheAnswerPage.com) to create the Cannabis Care Certification (CCC) program. This program features online educational tools for medical professionals, patients, and their caregivers to better understand the role of cannabis therapeutics through a structured learning environment.

TheAnswerPage brings over two decades of experience providing education to an international healthcare audience and AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™ accredited courses, while ASA brings over thirteen years of experience educating medical professionals and patients on the laws and therapeutic benefits of medical cannabis.

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- a project of Americans for Safe Access Foundation and TheAnswerPage



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Medical Cannabis
Doctor & Patient
Education



Why Choose Cannabis Care Certification

Americans for Safe Access (ASA) & TheAnswerPage, Inc. (TAP) have created the Cannabis Care Certification (CCC) program to help doctors provide the best care for legal medical cannabis patients & to help patients get the most from their medical cannabis use. CCC has been created by recognized world experts & includes online educational tools for medical professionals, patients, and their caregivers to better understand the role of cannabis therapeutics through a structured learning environment.

The CCC program has been designed for individuals as well as for companies and organizations that need to meet state requirements for patient medical cannabis education or CME requirements for physicians.

WITH CCC DISCOVER:

- ✓ How does medical cannabis work in your body?
- ✓ How can you choose the right medicine for your condition?
- ✓ What are your legal rights and responsibilities under the law?

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Know the Law

Becoming a Medical Cannabis Patient in Massachusetts

The Medical Use of Marijuana Program was created by Massachusetts's voters in November 2012 & established legal protections for medical cannabis patients, caregivers & medical professionals. As well as established a distribution program for medical cannabis.

A qualifying patient & their caregiver must be registered through the Massachusetts Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Specific instructions can be found at www.mass.gov/ medical marijuana. There is an annual registration fee of \$50. If the patient qualifies for hardship cultivation (see below), there is a \$100 fee. ID card replacement will cost \$20.

WHO QUALIFIES

1. An individual who is a resident of Massachusetts;
2. Has discussed the benefits & potential risks licensed physicians;
3. A physician recommended for treatment of:
 - Cancer
 - Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
 - Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)
 - Hepatitis C
 - Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
 - Crohn's disease
 - Parkinson's disease
 - Multiple sclerosis (MS)
 - Other conditions as determined in writing by a qualifying patient's physician
4. **Minors:** If you are less than 18 years of age, DHHS rules require your parent or guardian to approve of your medical cannabis use. You must also have certification by two physicians, one of whom must be a pediatrician or pediatric specialist.
5. **Personal Caregiver:** A patient may designate a "personal caregiver" to assist them with obtaining and administering medical cannabis. Caregivers must be at least twenty-one (21) years old and must be designated at the time when a patient submits a registration application.

PROTECTIONS & RIGHTS

1. Protection from Arrest: Qualified patients and caregivers are protected from arrest and forfeiture or seizure of property related to medical cannabis.

2. Possession. Qualified patients and caregivers may legally possess a 60-day supply of cannabis, defined as 10 ounces.

3. Temporary Cultivation: Patients or their designated caregiver have the right to grow medical cannabis until it is available from licensed dispensaries. Patients or their caregivers may grow enough to satisfy a 60-day supply (defined as ten ounces of usable cannabis). Arguably, the law permits cultivation of at least two (2) plants per patient, as the law specifically grants the right to "cultivate a limited number of plants" in an enclosed, locked facility.

4. Hardship Cultivation: Once licensed dispensaries are operating, patients will only be permitted to grow medical cannabis if they meet a set of hardship circumstances and obtain registration from the state. To be eligible, you must have: "verified financial hardship, a physical incapacity to access reasonable transportation, or the lack of a treatment center within a reasonable distance of the patient's residence."

5. Indigent Patients & Patients with Mobility Issues: Registered Marijuana Dispensaries (RMD) are required to provide medicine at discounted rates for low-income residents. Patients who earn less than 300% of the federal poverty level, or who are enrolled as recipients of MassHealth or Social Security Income are eligible for the discount.

LIMITATIONS

1. Patients are not permitted to operate motor vehicles while under the influence of cannabis.

2. Patients do not have a right to use their medicine in public, at a place of employment, on school grounds or buses, or in correctional facilities.

3. Cities and towns may establish their own laws that also limit use.