



FEDERATION OF  
STATE MEDICAL BOARDS

Medical Marijuana  
*State-by-State Overview*

Document Summary:

- Thirty-four (34) states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands permit the medical use of marijuana.
- Twelve (12) 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.
- Ten (10) states, the District of Columbia, and Guam have legalized the recreational use of marijuana for adults.

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AL	√+ <sup>i</sup>	2014	<a href="#">Ala. Code § 13A-12-214.2</a> “Possession and use of cannabidiol”	
AK	√* <sup>ii</sup>	1998  2014	<a href="#">AS § 17.37.10 et seq.</a> “Medical Uses of Marijuana for Persons Suffering from Debilitating Medical Conditions Act”  <a href="#">Alaska Ballot Proposition 2 of 2014</a> “An Act to Tax and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of Marijuana.”	See also: <a href="http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Pages/marijuana.aspx">http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Pages/marijuana.aspx</a>
AZ	√	2010	<a href="#">ARST 36, Ch. 28.1, et seq.</a> “Arizona Medical Marijuana Act”	See also: <a href="http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/title_09/9-17.htm">http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/title_09/9-17.htm</a> and <a href="http://www.azdhs.gov/medicalmarijuana/physicians/">http://www.azdhs.gov/medicalmarijuana/physicians/</a>
AR	√	2016	<a href="#">Arkansas Ballot Issue 6</a> “The Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment”	
CA	√*	1996  2016	<a href="#">Cal. Health &amp; Safety Code § 11357-11362.9</a> “Compassionate Use Act of 1996”  <a href="#">California Ballot Proposition 64</a> “The Adult Use of Marijuana Act”	See also: <a href="http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MMP/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MMP/Pages/default.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Prescribing/Medical_Marijuana.aspx">http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Prescribing/Medical_Marijuana.aspx</a>

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CO	√*	2000	<p>CRSA Const. Art. 18 § 14 An Amendment to the Colorado Constitution to allow for the medical use of marijuana for persons suffering from debilitating medical conditions</p> <p>CRSA § 25-1.5-106 “Medical Marijuana Program”</p>	See also: <a href="http://www.goo.gl/KXNvvF">www.goo.gl/KXNvvF</a> and <a href="http://www.cdph.state.co.us/hs/Medicalmarijuana/index.html">http://www.cdph.state.co.us/hs/Medicalmarijuana/index.html</a>
		2012	<p>Colorado Amendment 64 “Use and Regulation of Marijuana”</p>	
CT	√	2012	<p>2012 Conn. Legis. Serv. P.A. 12-55 “The Palliative Use of Marijuana”</p>	See also: <a href="http://www.ct.gov/dcp/cwp/view.asp?a=4287&amp;q=503670&amp;dcpNav= &amp;dcpNav_GID=2109">http://www.ct.gov/dcp/cwp/view.asp?a=4287&amp;q=503670&amp;dcpNav= &amp;dcpNav_GID=2109</a>
DE	√	2011	<p>16 DE Code § 4920A “The Delaware Medical Marijuana Act”</p>	See also: <a href="http://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/hsp/medmarhome.html">http://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/hsp/medmarhome.html</a>
DC	√*	2010	<p>DC ST § 7-1671.01 et seq. “Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Amendment Act of 2010”</p>	See also: <a href="http://doh.dc.gov/service/medical-marijuana-program">http://doh.dc.gov/service/medical-marijuana-program</a>
		2014	<p>DC Ballot Initiative 71 “Legalization of Home Cultivation and Possession of Minimal Amounts of Marijuana for Personal Use Act of 2014”</p>	
FL	√	2016	<p>Florida Ballot Amendment 2 “Use of Marijuana for Debilitating Medical Conditions”</p>	
GA	√+	2015	<p>Ga. Code Ann. § 16-12-191 “Regulation of Low THC Oil”</p>	
GU	√*	2014	<p>Public Law 33-220 “Joaquin (KC) Concepcion II Compassionate Care Act of 2013”</p>	See also: <a href="http://dphss.guam.gov/medical-cannabis-license-applications/">http://dphss.guam.gov/medical-cannabis-license-applications/</a>
		2019	<p>Bill No. 32-35 “Guam Cannabis Industry Act of 2019”</p>	
HI	√	2000	<p>HRS § 329-121 et seq. “Medical Use of Marijuana Act”</p>	See also: <a href="http://health.hawaii.gov/std-aids/medical-marijuana-program/">http://health.hawaii.gov/std-aids/medical-marijuana-program/</a> and <a href="http://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Physian-Information-Med-Marijuana-rev113011.pdf">http://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Physian-Information-Med-Marijuana-rev113011.pdf</a>
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IL	√	2013	410 ILCS § 130 “Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act”	See also: <a href="http://www2.illinois.gov/gov/mcpp/Pages/default.aspx">http://www2.illinois.gov/gov/mcpp/Pages/default.aspx</a> and <a href="http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/MedicalCannabis/">http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/MedicalCannabis/</a>
IN	√+	2017	Public Law 188 of 2017	
IA	√+	2014	Iowa Code § 124D “Medical Cannabidiol Act”	See also: <a href="http://idph.iowa.gov/mcarcp">http://idph.iowa.gov/mcarcp</a>
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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: <a href="http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2892">http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2892</a> and <a href="https://www.lsbme.la.gov/content/therapeutic-marijuana-guidance">https://www.lsbme.la.gov/content/therapeutic-marijuana-guidance</a>
ME	√*	1999  2016	22 MRSA § 2421 et seq. “Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act”  Maine Ballot Question 1 “Marijuana Legalization Act”	See also: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/dlrs/mmm/">http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/dlrs/mmm/</a> and <a href="http://www.maine.gov/legis/lawlib/medmarij.html">http://www.maine.gov/legis/lawlib/medmarij.html</a>
MD	√	2014	MD Code § 13-3301 et seq. “Natalie LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission”	See also: <a href="http://dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/Medical%20Marijuana%20Commission.aspx">http://dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/Medical%20Marijuana%20Commission.aspx</a>
MA	√*	2013  2016	M.G.L. 369 “For the Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana”  Massachusetts Ballot Question 4 “Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana”	See also: <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/medical-marijuana/">http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/medical-marijuana/</a>
MI	√*	2008  2018	MCLA 333.26421 et seq. “Michigan Medical Marijuana Act”  Proposal 18-1 “Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act”	See also: <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/marijuana/">https://www.michigan.gov/marijuana/</a>
MN	√	2014	M.S.L. 361 §§ 1-22 “Medical cannabis (marijuana) registry program establishment”	See also: <a href="http://www.health.state.mn.us/topics/cannabis/">http://www.health.state.mn.us/topics/cannabis/</a>

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MS	√+	2014	Miss. Code Ann. § 41-29-136 “Harper Grace’s Law”	
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: <a href="https://health.mo.gov/safety/medical-marijuana/">https://health.mo.gov/safety/medical-marijuana/</a>
MT	√	2004	M.C.A. § 50-46-301 et seq. “Montana Marijuana Act”	See also: <a href="http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/qad/Licensure/MMP.aspx">http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/qad/Licensure/MMP.aspx</a>
NE	--			
NV	√*	2000  2016	NRS 453A.010 et seq. “Medical Use of Marijuana”  Nevada Ballot Question 2 “Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act”	See also: <a href="http://health.nv.gov/MedicalMarijuana.htm">http://health.nv.gov/MedicalMarijuana.htm</a> and <a href="http://www.medboard.nv.gov/Advisory%20Opinions/No.%2014-1%20Adv.%20Op..pdf">http://www.medboard.nv.gov/Advisory%20Opinions/No.%2014-1%20Adv.%20Op..pdf</a> and <a href="http://license.k3systems.com/LicensingPublic/docs/PositionPaperRegardingMedicalMarijuana_20140909.pdf">http://license.k3systems.com/LicensingPublic/docs/PositionPaperRegardingMedicalMarijuana_20140909.pdf</a>
NH	√	2013	RSA 126-X “Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes”	See also: <a href="http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/oos/tcp/index.htm">http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/oos/tcp/index.htm</a>
NJ	√	2010	NJSA 24:6I-1 et seq. “New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act”	See also: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/health/medicalmarijuana/">http://www.state.nj.us/health/medicalmarijuana/</a>
NM	√	2007	NMSA 1978 Section 26-2B-1 et seq. “Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act”	See also: <a href="http://nmhealth.org/about/mcp/svcs/hpp/">http://nmhealth.org/about/mcp/svcs/hpp/</a>
NY	√	2014	NY Pub. Health L. § 3360 - 3369 “Compassionate Care Act”	See also: <a href="http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/medical_marijuana/">http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/medical_marijuana/</a>
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: <a href="http://www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/">http://www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/</a>
OK	√	2015  2018	Okla. Stat. tit. 2A §§ 2-801 – 805 “Clinical Trials – Definitions”  State Question 78	See also: <a href="http://omma.ok.gov/">http://omma.ok.gov/</a>

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OR	√*	1998	ORS § 475.300 et seq. “Oregon Medical Marijuana Act”	See also: <a href="http://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/ChronicDisease/MedicalMarijuanaProgram/Pages/index.aspx">http://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/ChronicDisease/MedicalMarijuanaProgram/Pages/index.aspx</a>
		2014	Oregon Legalized Marijuana Initiative, Measure 91 “Control, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana and Industrial Hemp Act of 2014”	
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: <a href="http://www.health.ri.gov/healthcare/medicalmarijuana/for/providers/">http://www.health.ri.gov/healthcare/medicalmarijuana/for/providers/</a>
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	--			
TN	√+	2014	Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-402(16) “Marijuana – Definition”	
TX	√+	2015	Tex. Health & Safety Code § 487 “Texas Compassionate-Use Act”	See also: <a href="http://www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/CUP/">http://www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/CUP/</a>
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”	See also: <a href="http://vcic.vermont.gov/marijuana_registry/physicians">http://vcic.vermont.gov/marijuana_registry/physicians</a>
			18 VSA. § 4230 “Marijuana”	
VA	√+	2015	Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-3408.3 “Certification for use of cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil to treat intractable epilepsy”	
VI	√	2019	Bill No. 32-0135 “Virgin Islands Medicinal Cannabis Care Act”	

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WA	√*	1998  2012	RCW 69.51a “Washington State Medical Use of Cannabis Act”  Washington Initiative 502 “Washington Marijuana Legalization and Regulation”	See also: <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/MedicalMarijuanaCannabis/HealthCareProvidersFrequentlyAskedQuestions.aspx">http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/MedicalMarijuanaCannabis/HealthCareProvidersFrequentlyAskedQuestions.aspx</a>
WV	√	2017	Senate Bill 386 “Medical Cannabis Act”	See also: <a href="https://dhhr.wv.gov/bph/Pages/Medical-Cannabis-Program.aspx">https://dhhr.wv.gov/bph/Pages/Medical-Cannabis-Program.aspx</a>
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”	

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

<sup>ii</sup> “√\*” means that the state has legalized both medical and recreational use of marijuana.