

HOW TO ACCESS MEDICAL CANNABIS

A PATIENT'S GUIDE

As of July 1, 2015, medical cannabis will be available to some Minnesotans as a therapy for specific qualifying conditions. Epilepsy/seizures are a qualifying condition. EFMN has provided this guide for patients who are interested in medical cannabis.

1 **Contact** Contact your healthcare provider

Tell the doctor treating your seizures that you'd like to be certified as having a qualifying condition for medical cannabis.

2 **Confirm** Wait for certification & confirmation email

If your doctor certifies your condition, you will receive an email (using the address you gave your provider) from the Office of Medical Cannabis with a link to register online.

3 **Register** Register with the MN department of health

Review the items needed for [registration](#) in your email from the Office of Medical Cannabis. There is a \$200 annual registration fee.

4 **Report** Complete self-reporting form

This will expedite your visit to the cannabis patient center. Also, your doctor does not determine dosage, the pharmacist does. **IT IS IMPERATIVE YOU BRING A LIST OF ALL CURRENT MEDICATIONS TO THE PHARMACIST.**

5 **Visit** Visit a cannabis patient center

A pharmacist will review your account, recommend dosage and a payment is due. Insurance DOES NOT cover medical cannabis costs. There are [eight patient centers](#) to obtain medical cannabis.

6 **Evaluate** Finish self-evaluation before your next visit

Complete the self-evaluation provided by the [registry](#) before your next patient center visit.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- There will be no published list of doctors who give medical cannabis. You'll need to ask your doctor if he or she is interested in becoming part of this program.
- Parents can register for minors in their care, but caregivers must register IN ADDITION to the person under their care.
- Doctors don't determine dosage - the pharmacist does. It is critical to bring a full list of medications to the cannabis pharmacist.
- There is a \$200 annual fee to participate in the medical cannabis program. Medical cannabis is NOT covered by any insurance.
- Approved ways to use medical cannabis in Minnesota are vaporizer, solutions/tinctures, pills/tablets/capsules.