

# INFORMATION ON MEDICAL CANNABIS

## A PROVIDER'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 medical providers who are interested in medical cannabis.

### 1 Register

with the MN Department of Health. You will need your medical license, DEA license and information about where you practice.

### 2 When you receive a patient request, login to certify if you determine a qualifying condition

### 3 Equip your patients

with a list of all medications **BEFORE** they visit a Cannabis Patient Center. Since pharmacists determine dosage/type, this is a critical step!

### 4 Educate yourself

research & clinical trials

### 5 Get a concise reference guide

Medical Cannabis Primer For Healthcare Professionals  
by Laura Bultman MD and Kyle Kingsley MD - from Yahoo books

### 6 Encourage your patients

to communicate with you after they begin therapy.

## 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.
- Doctors don't determine dosage - the pharmacist does. It is critical that patients 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.