



Obtaining A Medical Card in New York:

Even though recreational marijuana has now been legalized in New York, having a medical marijuana card is still the best protection from prosecution in NY.

In order to apply for your MMJ Card in New York, you will need to show some identification documents. You should gather together the following:

- ID
- Proof of residency
- Signed recommendation from medical provider
 - Patient's must be 18 and over
 - Caregivers must be 21 and over

Some patients may be eligible for an MMJ Card but unable to apply for one themselves. If the patient needs assistance accessing medical cannabis, a caregiver can be assigned to complete the process on their behalf.

New York does not have a list of qualifying conditions. Your provider can help determine if medical cannabis is beneficial for you.

You must be at least 18 years of age in order to apply for a Medical Marijuana Card in New York. Those under the age of 18 must apply as minors, and will need a caregiver. Caregivers must be 21 years of age.

Once You Have Completed Your Visit with the Physician:

- Create a [My.NY.Gov account](#) and select the Medical Marijuana Data Management System – Enter all of your details and submit your physician's certification. The cost of the application is \$50, payable to the state. The New York MMJ program is called [The New York State Medical Marijuana Program](#).
- You will then be issued a temporary NY Registry Identification Card – Your temporary NY medical marijuana card will be sent through your My.NY.gov account, alongside your state-issued identification to purchase approved Medical Marijuana products. Patients must bring their registry ID cards and their certifications to a registered organization's dispensing facility in order to purchase approved medical marijuana products.
- You will receive your medical marijuana card in the mail within 7-10 days – If your medical card hasn't arrived, you can carry on using your temporary card for up to 30 days.

Medical cannabis patients may hold up to a 60-day supply of an approved medical cannabis product at any time. For recreational users = 3 oz. cannabis flower, 24 grams concentrate.

A patient may grow up to 3 mature and 3 immature plants per person, with a maximum of 12 mature plants and 12 immature plants per household.

Being a medical cannabis patient does deem a person to have a disability under New York State Law, which does not allow employers in the state of New York to hold employment opportunities or to discriminate on patients who possess their New York Cannabis Card.

The state of New York does not allow the use of outside cannabis cards from other states.

The safest place to use medical cannabis is in the safety of your own home. Although New York has legalized cannabis use in public areas, it is best to keep consumption methods discreet wherever possible.