



Medical Cannabis in Northern Kentucky

Who is eligible?

Any Kentucky resident with a qualifying medical condition and a written certification from a medical cannabis provider. *For patients under 18, two medical providers have to agree that the patient would benefit from medical cannabis.*

What is a written certification?

A written certification is a recommendation from a medical provider that the patient would benefit from the use of medical cannabis. *This is not the same as a prescription and will not be filled in a standard pharmacy.*

Who can provide written certifications?

Medical Doctors and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses that have been approved to provide written certifications for medical cannabis.

How will a patient get a medical cannabis card?

After receiving a written certification from an approved provider, the patient will submit an application to the Cabinet for approval of a medical cannabis card.

When does this go into effect?

This will be fully in effect as of January 1, 2025. Cannabis businesses may apply for a business license beginning July 1, 2024. No business may dispense medical cannabis to a patient prior to January 1, 2025. Patients will be able to begin applying for cards on January 1, 2025.

What can local governments do?

Local governments have options regarding medical cannabis businesses (dispensaries, producers, processors, cultivators, safety compliance facilities) in their communities. They can implement ordinances restricting the location and times of operation for medical cannabis businesses, implement ordinances to ban all medical cannabis business operations in their community, allow cannabis businesses to operate within State laws and regulations, or bring the issue to a vote in the next regular election. *By law, cannabis businesses cannot be within 1,000 feet of existing elementary or secondary schools or daycare centers.*

For more information, visit kymedcan.ky.gov

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