

GROUNDSWELL PATIENT RESOURCES:
**What You'll Need to Know to
Get Your Medical Marijuana Card**

To our future patient,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a medical patient! You've taken the first step towards consistent access to innovative and precise medicine, one-on-one patient consultations, and our knowledgeable and caring staff dedicated to creating an alternative regimen that best suits your needs.

Let's be honest: obtaining a medical card can feel a little overwhelming. We've created this guide to help simplify the process and get you headed in the right direction.

In short, you'll be filling out some forms, bringing those forms to a doctor for an evaluation, and upon approval, mailing your forms, your doctor's approval, and a check for \$15 to the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (**CDPHE**).

First, fill out your application.

Begin by filling out your application. Complete the Medical Marijuana Card Application (**AP**) form we've included in this packet (and the **CA** form, if you need a caregiver. More on caregivers later.) If you're unsure of an answer or you feel the question doesn't apply to you, leave it blank. While filling out your application, you'll have some important decisions to make:

–Do I want to grow my own cannabis, or have it provided to me by GroundSwell or another medical dispensary?

See Cultivation Information, page 3 of the **AP** form.

–Do I need another person (a caregiver) to purchase, transport, or cultivate my cannabis for me? If so, who will I choose to be my caregiver?*

If the answer is yes and you know whom you'd like to make your caregiver, have that person fill out the Caregiver Acknowledgment (**CA**) form. *Leave this form blank if you do not require a caregiver.*

***More information on the role of a caregiver:**

Caregivers may purchase and transport marijuana products to their patients if the caregiver is listed on the card; and the patient is listed as homebound or the patient is under the age of 18 as established by the date of birth.

Caregivers may provide **advising, cultivating, or transporting** services.

Advising: Caregiver accompanies the patient to the center during each visit for assistance during transactions. Advising caregivers may not pick up or purchase medicine unless the patient is present.

Cultivating: Patient has designated their Cultivating Caregiver to manufacture medical marijuana in order to provide that medicine to the patient. Many patients choose to work with a medical dispensary to cultivate their medicine; see information included in this packet about the benefits of designating GroundSwell as your primary caregiver.

Transporting: Patient is homebound (can't physically purchase and transport their medical cannabis) and will not be accompanying their caregiver during visits to the center.

Your caregiver must:

- Be 18 or older
- Be a Colorado resident
- Not be the patient's physician.
- Not have a primary caregiver of their own.

–Am I a minor?

Any patient under 18 years of age needs a parent or legal representative to act as their caregiver. The parent will need to fill out page 2 of the Medical Marijuana Card Application (**AP**) form, as well as the entirety of the Caregiver Acknowledgment (**CA**) form. The parent/representative also needs to fill out the Parental Consent (**MC**) form, which is available at GroundSwell by request.

Leave your Physician Certification (PC) form blank for now. You and your physician will fill that out together later.

Next, choose a physician and schedule an appointment.

We've included a list of several physicians that specialize in MMJ evaluations, as well as a copy of the Physician Certification (**PC**) form in this packet you'll need to take with you when you've scheduled a visit.

The person who fills out the Physician Certification (**PC**) form must be an active licensed MD or DO to be approved within the State guidelines. If your current primary doctor does not wish to approve you for medical cannabis, there are many physician offices that specialize in offering MMJ evaluations that you may choose to utilize instead, such as the four physicians' offices we've listed for you.

Choose a physician and schedule a visit. Be sure to bring copies of any medical records you think might be applicable.

Be advised that nearly all evaluation clinics charge a fee for their services, so plan to have between \$80-\$120 available to cover the cost of the physician evaluation.

Receive your temporary paperwork and come shop at GroundSwell!

If the physician you've chosen approves your application, they'll provide you with a packet of temporary paperwork with which you can shop at any medical dispensary, **Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm (excluding public holidays) for up to 35 days after the date of your evaluation.**

If you plan on coming to GroundSwell to pick up your medicine, please refer to the **First Visit Checklist** printed on the front of the envelope to make sure we'll be able to check you in properly. Colorado's Marijuana Enforcement Division has *very* strict rules and regulations regarding entry to our center, so **it's of the utmost importance that all boxes are checked before visiting us.**

One last thing...

Now that you've got everything from the checklist on the front of the envelope with you, you're ready to shop. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions that might come up during this process; we're more than happy to help at any step of the way. Private patient consultations with our Extended Needs team are also available if you prefer to discuss the details of your condition before deciding on a regimen. We're here for you.

Best regards,

GroundSwell's Patient Relation Specialists

Forms available from GroundSwell on request:

Parental Consent (MC)

Proof of Identity and Residency Waiver (PW)

Change, Replacement, or Surrender Request (CR)

MMJ Evaluation Clinics:

Cohen Medical Centers

“Compassionate MMJ Care Specialists”

276 Galapego St.

Denver, CO 80223

303.892.6436

www.cohenmedicalcenters.com

info@cohenmedicalcenters.com

Amarimed of Colorado

“Medical Marijuana Evaluations by Experienced, Caring Physicians”

2257 S Broadway

Denver, CO 80210

720.532.4744

www.amarimed.com

MedEval Clinic

“Initial, Renewal, & Increased Plant Count Evaluations”

6650 S Vine St, Ste L50

Centennial, CO 80121

720.744.2010

www.medevalclinic.com

Canna Health Clinic

“Low Cost MMJ Doctor Evaluations”

65 W Alameda Ave

Denver, CO 80223

720.882.5521

Need some help covering the doctor's fee?

We've got coupons for numerous MMJ evaluation clinics in the lobby at GroundSwell.

First Time Visit Checklist

Make sure you have everything on this checklist for your first visit as a medical patient to GroundSwell Cannabis Boutique. If you're missing any of the items on this list, make sure you **give us a call ahead of time** - we'll let you know if there's anything we can do to help.

- Certified mail receipt**
This is the receipt you'll get from the post office when you send off your paperwork after being approved for a medical card.
- MMJ Card Application Form**
This is the form marked **AP** on the top right corner you completed that was included in this packet.
- Physician Certification Form**
This is the form marked **PC** on the top right corner you completed with your doctor that was included in this packet.
- Caregiver Acknowledgment Form**
This is the form marked **CA** on the top right corner that was included in this packet, that you will have completed only if you require a caregiver. You don't need to include this form if it was left blank.
- Identification**
This is absolutely required by the State for every single person that enters the facility, regardless of age. Applicable forms of ID include a State-issued ID card, military ID, birth certificate, or passport for patient **and** caregiver.
- Cash**
At this time we can accept cash only for all transactions. We do have an ATM in our lobby, which has a \$1 surcharge to use.