

Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Health
Health Regulation Licensing Administration
Medical Marijuana Program

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ANNOUNCEMENT

District of Columbia Licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurses:

Effective, June 8, 2017, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses licensed in good standing to practice in the District of Columbia may now issue recommendations to patients for the use of medical marijuana in the District of Columbia.

To issue recommendations, you must register with the District's Medical Marijuana Program (MMP) for authority to access the electronic recommendation form at <https://doh.dc.gov/service/medical-marijuana-program>. Please allow 72 hours for your registration to be approved. The MMP program no longer accepts paper recommendation forms.

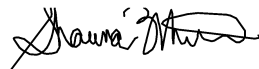
You are strongly encouraged to review and familiarize yourself with the District's laws and regulations governing the medical marijuana program and your duties and obligations as a recommender. You may review the laws and regulations on the MMP website at <https://doh.dc.gov/service/medical-marijuana-program>.

Please note the following:

- You can only submit recommendations for District of Columbia residents.
- You must have a bonafide patient-practitioner relationship with the patient and responsibility for the ongoing care and treatment of the patient.
- You must maintain appropriate patient records.
- You must personally conduct a physical examination of the patient, and assess the patient's medical history and current medical condition before issuing a recommendation.
- Patients must submit a patient application to the Department of Health after the patient recommendation has been submitted to participate in the program.
- There is additional information and directions under the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse link on the MMP website.

Please submit all questions in writing to doh.mmp@dc.gov.

Sincerely,



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The United States Congress has determined that marijuana is a controlled substance and has placed marijuana in Schedule I of the Controlled Substance Act. Growing, distributing, and possessing marijuana in any capacity, other than as a part of a federally authorized research program, is a violation of federal laws. The District of Columbia's law authorizing the District's medicalmarijuana program will not excuse any person from any violation of the federal laws governing marijuana or authorize any registrant to violate federal law.