



Summary of Medical Cannabis Data Management System (MCDMS) Enhancements

MCDMS Enhancement	For Practitioners	For Patients and Caregivers	For Registered Organizations
Qualifying Medical Conditions have been expanded.	Practitioners can certify patients for the medical use of cannabis for any condition based on the practitioner’s clinical discretion.	Patients are no longer limited by a list of qualifying conditions to be eligible for the use of medical cannabis. The patient’s certifying practitioner can use his/her clinical discretion to issue a certification for the medical use of cannabis.	
The process to correct or edit a certification has been streamlined.	If incorrect information has been entered into a certification, practitioners have the ability to edit or correct the certification as long as the patient has not started the registration.	Patients, if you notice incorrect information on your certification, do not start your registration. Contact your practitioner to correct the certification. Starting the registration with incorrect info will significantly slow down the registration approval time and access to a registry ID card.	Registered Organizations, if you notice incorrect info on a patient certification while helping patients to register, please contact the practitioner, not the OCM, to ask the practitioner to correct the certification. In the meantime, you may help the patient to create a my.ny.gov account, if needed.
Practitioners have the ability to extend certifications vs. re-certifying patients.	Practitioners now have the option to “Extend” active certifications issued by them. The certification # will not change upon extending a certification. A new copy must be provided to the patient.	Patients who receive an extension on their active certification do not need to re-register and may continue using their existing registry ID card. No further action is needed by the caregiver either.	Registered Organizations may advise patients to contact their certifying practitioner to extend a certification when it is about to expire.
MCDMS will no longer require practitioners to wait until 30 days prior to the certification expiration date to extend a certification (formerly recertify/renew).	Practitioners can extend certifications at any time. A new copy must be provided to the patient.	Patients no longer need to wait until 30 days before the certification expires to have their certification extended.	Registered Organizations may advise patients to contact their certifying practitioner to extend a certification when it is about to expire.



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<p>New certification numbers now begin with PC2.</p>	<p>MCDMS will assign a PC2 # to all certifications created in the new system.</p> <p>The old PC1 certification numbers are still valid and function the same. As long as a PC1 certification is Active, practitioners can edit, extend or cancel that certification.</p>	<p>Patients with certifications created in the new system will see a new PC2# on their certification. Patients must continue to register on each new certification # issued.</p> <p>Active certifications beginning with PC1 are still valid.</p> <p>Patients who have an active PC1 certification, but have not registered in the old system, can do so in the new system. They do not need to obtain a new certification.</p>	<p>Registered organizations will now see both PC1 and PC2 certification numbers.</p>
<p>Requirement for dosing recommendation dates has been removed.</p>	<p>The new system no longer requires practitioners to enter the start/end date for each dosing recommendation. Practitioners are also no longer required to activate/inactivate each dosing recommendation before making changes to dosing recommendations. Practitioners can extend certifications any time as needed.</p>	<p>Dosing recommendations dates have been removed. Practitioners can modify dosing recommendations at any time as long as the certification is active.</p>	<p>The dosing recommendations expire when the certification expires. The certification expiration date will be provided upon completion of a counter scan.</p>
<p>Practitioner signature is no longer required on Certifications.</p>	<p>Certifications are now electronically signed as noted in the Attestation section of the certification. Practitioners must still print one copy for the patient and retain a copy in the patient medical record.</p>	<p>New Certifications will no longer have a practitioner signature. Certifications are electronically signed in MCDMS.</p>	<p>New Certifications will no longer have a practitioner signature. Certifications are electronically signed in MCDMS.</p>



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Requirement to validate uploaded patient photos has been removed.	Practitioners are no longer required to validate uploaded patient photos.	This enhancement was created to streamline registration approvals. Patients must provide a government-issued ID with the patient registry ID card when purchasing product at a dispensing facility.	Patients and caregivers must present a government-issued photo ID at the time of dispensing. Registered organizations are required to verify patient and caregiver identities, including the photo likeness.
Designated Caregivers increased from two to five.	Patients can now designate up to 5 caregivers on their registration.	Patients can now designate up to 5 caregivers on their registration.	Registered Organizations can dispense medical cannabis to up to 5 registered caregivers for a single patient.
Designated Facility Caregiver updates.	Inpatient facilities can now pre-register with the Medical Cannabis Program before being designated by a patient. By pre-registering, a facility can purchase and administer medical cannabis to the patient immediately upon admission.	Inpatient facilities can now pre-register with the Medical Cannabis Program before being designated by the patient. Upon admission to the facility, the patient or a person applying on patient’s behalf completes and signs a form to allow the facility to possess and administer their medical cannabis.	An approved Facility Caregiver Designation Form, <u>including the signed Patient Section</u> , must be presented along with a valid patient registry ID card at time of dispensing or delivery.