



Summary of Amendments from Senate Bill 3294-A

The Office of Cannabis Management is providing this summary to explain recent changes to the New York State Medical Cannabis Program under Senate Bill 3294-A. This guidance does not replace any laws, rules, or regulations. To read the full bill, please visit: <https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/S3294A>.

On March 5, 2026, amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program regulations (Part 113) were proposed to the NYS Cannabis Control Board and are currently under public comment. To review the proposed changes, please visit: <https://cannabis.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2026/03/proposed-part-113-medical-cannabis-regulations.pdf>.

	Old Law	New Law	Statutory Reference*	Effective Date
Practitioner consultation of PMP §2 (pg.1)	Practitioners were required to consult PMP prior to issuing a certification	Removes the requirement that practitioners consult the state Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) before issuing a medical cannabis certification	Former § 30 (4) - Language removed from the Law.	2/19/2026
Certifications §2 (pg.2)	Certifications were valid for up to 1 year	Certifications may be valid for up to 2 years, unless practitioner sets a shorter date	§30 (6) : A certification shall expire two years after the date the certification is signed by the practitioner, except as provided for in subdivision seven of this section.	2/19/2026



<p>Patient Possession Limits §3 (pg.3)</p>	<p>Patients were only able to possess up to a 60-day supply</p>	<p>Patient possession limits now align with the Adult Use market, allowing for up to a 60-day supply <i>or</i> up to 3 ounces of cannabis and up to 24 grams of concentrated cannabis, whichever is greater</p>	<p>§31 (1): the cannabis or concentrated cannabis that may be possessed by a certified patient shall not exceed the greater of the quantities authorized in section 222.05 of the penal law or a sixty-day supply, provided that during the last seven days of any sixty-day period, the certified patient may also possess up to such amount for the next sixty-day period, consistent with any guidance and regulations issued by the board.</p>	<p>2/19/2026</p>
<p>Caregiver Possession Limit §3 (pg.3)</p>	<p>Caregivers were only able to possess up to a 60-day supply</p>	<p>Caregiver possession limits now align with the Adult Use market, allowing up to a 60-day supply <i>or</i> up to 3 ounces of cannabis and up to 24 grams of concentrated cannabis, whichever is greater</p>	<p>§31 (2): the cannabis or concentrated cannabis that may be possessed by a designated caregiver shall not exceed the greater of the quantities authorized in section 222.05 of the penal law or a sixty-day supply for the certified patient, provided that during the last seven days of any sixty-day period, the certified patient may also possess up to such amount for the next sixty-day period.</p>	<p>2/19/2026</p>
<p>Designated Caregivers §4 (pg.5)</p>	<p>Caregivers were required to be at least 21 years of age</p>	<p>Patients may designate a caregiver who is 18 years of age or older</p>	<p>§ 32 (4): No person may be a designated caregiver if the person is under eighteen years of age unless a sufficient showing is made to the office that the person should be permitted to serve as a designated caregiver. The requirements for such a showing shall be determined by the board.</p>	<p>2/19/2026</p>



<p>Out of State Patients §5 (pg.7)</p>	<p>NYS did not previously allow patients from other states/U.S. jurisdictions to purchase from the NYS Medical Dispensaries as a medical patient.</p>	<p>Medical cannabis patients from other U.S. jurisdictions may now purchase medical cannabis products in New York if they are certified registered as a medical cannabis patient in their home jurisdiction and present proof of that status along with valid government-issued photo ID</p>	<p>§ 32-a: Medical cannabis patient reciprocity. 1. Subject to the provisions of this article and the rules and regulations of the board promulgated thereunder, medical cannabis patients from other states within the United States, United States territories, commonwealths or possessions, or the District of Columbia are authorized to obtain medical cannabis or medical cannabis products from a registered organization, provided such patient is deemed a certified patient or is registered as a medical cannabis patient in their home state or jurisdiction and presents proof of such certification or registration and a valid government-issued photo identification to a registered organization. Such registered organization shall then validate such patient and dispense medical cannabis pursuant to the procedures determined by the board in regulation.</p>	<p>Requires Regulations</p>
<p>RO PMP check §6 (pg.8)</p>	<p>Registered Organizations (ROs) were required to consult the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) prior to dispensing</p>	<p>Removes the requirement that Registered Organizations must consult the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) prior to dispensing to medical cannabis patients</p>	<p>Former § 34(5)(b)- Language removed from the Law.</p>	<p>2/19/2026</p>



<p>RO Dispensing Limits §6 (pg.8)</p>	<p>ROs were only able to dispense up to a 60-day supply</p>	<p>ROs now able to dispense up to a 60-day supply <i>or</i> up to 3 ounces of cannabis and up to 24 grams of concentrated cannabis, whichever is greater</p>	<p>§ 34 (5) (b): When dispensing medical cannabis to a certified patient or designated caregiver, the registered organization shall not dispense an amount greater than the amounts authorized in section thirty-one of this article.</p>	<p>2/19/2026</p>
<p>Home Cultivation by Patients & Caregivers §8 (pg.8)</p>	<p>Patients and caregivers were required to be 21 years of age to home cultivate medical cannabis</p>	<p>Patients and caregivers may now be 18 years of age, or older, to home cultivate medical cannabis</p>	<p>§ 41. Home cultivation of medical cannabis. 1. Certified patients eighteen years of age or older may cultivate cannabis for personal medical use. Designated caregivers eighteen years of age or older, caring for certified patients either younger than eighteen years of age or whose physical or cognitive impairments prevent them from cultivating cannabis, may cultivate cannabis for use by such patients, provided that no other caregiver is growing for said patient or patients.</p>	<p>2/19/2026</p>

* Statutory references from the Cannabis Law (CAN) can be found here: <http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/lawssrch.cgi?NVLWO:>