

## **BASIC FACTS**

- ➔ **The Oregon Medical Marijuana Act protects medical marijuana users who comply with its requirements from state criminal prosecution for production, possession, or delivery of marijuana.**
- ➔ **The Oregon Department of Justice has advised DHS that the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act neither protects marijuana plants from seizure nor individuals from prosecution if the federal government chooses to take action against patients or caregivers under the federal Controlled Substances Act.**
- ➔ You must be an Oregon resident to be a registered patient in the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) and your grow site address must be listed in the state of Oregon.
- ➔ You must have a qualifying debilitating medical condition as listed on the Attending Physician's Statement.
- ➔ Your physician must be a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) licensed to practice medicine in Oregon. You must have an established patient/physician relationship with your "attending physician." Naturopaths, chiropractors, and nurse practitioners cannot sign the documentation.
- ➔ The OMMP cannot refer you to a physician. The OMMP does not have a physician referral list.
- ➔ The application fee cannot be waived. Partial payments cannot be accepted. Credit card payments are not accepted. A 10-day hold will be placed on all issuance of cards when the application is paid by personal check.
- ➔ You must list a grow site address on your application. You, your designated primary caregiver, or your designated grower may grow your medication.
- ➔ The OMMP cannot find a designated primary caregiver or designated grower for you. The OMMP does not keep a referral list of persons who want to be caregivers or growers for patients. (You are not required to list a caregiver unless you are less than 18 years old.) Your physician may not be your caregiver.

- ➔ If you decide to change your caregiver or grower, it is your responsibility to notify him or her that he or she is no longer protected under the law. The OMMP does not communicate directly with caregivers or growers.
- ➔ Caregivers or persons responsible for a grow site will be given seven (7) days from the date they are removed from a patient's application to return their card(s) to the program.
- ➔ All persons responsible for a grow site must sign and date a release to allow the department to check for convictions of violating ORS 475.992(1)(a) or (b), before they will be allowed to become a person responsible for a grow site registry cardholder. If a person responsible for a grow site has been convicted of violating ORS 475.992(1)(a) or (b) on or after January 1, 2006, that person will be prohibited from producing marijuana for a patient for five years from the date of conviction for the first offense, and permanently for more than one conviction.
- ➔ The OMMP will only communicate directly with the patient. All written requests to release information about a patient must be signed and dated by the patient. The OMMP will not accept written or verbal requests for information from your caregiver or any other person without your permission.
- ➔ The OMMP cannot supply you with seeds or starter plants, or give you advice on how to grow medical marijuana.
- ➔ There is no place in the State of Oregon to legally purchase medical marijuana.
- ➔ A person responsible for the grow site may be reimbursed for the cost of supplies and utilities associated with the production of medical marijuana, this does not include any other costs including labor.
- ➔ All usable marijuana, plants, seedlings and seeds are the property of the patient and must be returned to the patient upon request.
- ➔ Usable marijuana, seeds or live plants may be transferred to another registered cardholder as long as the transferred amount is within the legal limits allowed per ORS 407.300 to 475.346.