



## Medical Marijuana *State-by-State Overview*

### Document Summary:

- **Thirty-eight (38) states**, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands permit the **medical** use of marijuana.
- **Nine (9) states** have enacted limited access marijuana product laws permitting **only low (or zero) Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)** and high Cannabidiol (CBD) products to treat specific medical conditions.
- **Three (3) states** have all **prohibited** all marijuana products, including those of low THC content and CBD products.
- **Twenty-two (22) states**, plus the District of Columbia, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the Virgin Islands have legalized the **recreational** use of marijuana for adults.

**Key:** “√” means that the state has legalized the medical use of marijuana.

“√\*” means that the state has legalized both medical and recreational use of marijuana.

“√+” means that the state permits limited access marijuana products (with low or zero) Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and/or high Cannabidiol (CBD) to treat specific medical conditions.

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AL	√	2014	<a href="#">Ala. Code § 13A-12-214.2</a> “Possession and use of cannabidiol”	See also: <a href="https://amcc.alabama.gov/">https://amcc.alabama.gov/</a>
		2021	<a href="#">Alabama SB 46</a> “Darren Wesley “Ato” Hall Compassion Act”	
AK	√*	1998	<a href="#">AS § 17.37.10 et seq.</a> “Medical Uses of Marijuana for Persons Suffering from Debilitating Medical Conditions Act”	See also: <a href="http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Pages/marijuana.aspx">http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Pages/marijuana.aspx</a>
		2014	<a href="#">Alaska Ballot Proposition 2 of 2014</a> “An Act to Tax and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of Marijuana.”	

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AZ	√*	2010  2020	ARST 36, Ch. 28.1, et seq. “Arizona Medical Marijuana Act”  Prop 207 of 2020 “Relating to the Responsible Adult Use, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana”	See also: <a href="http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/title_09/9-17.htm">http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/title_09/9-17.htm</a> and <a href="http://www.azdhs.gov/medicalmarijuana/physicians/">http://www.azdhs.gov/medicalmarijuana/physicians/</a>
AR	√	2016	Arkansas Ballot Issue 6 “The Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment”	See also: <a href="https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/medical-marijuana">https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/medical-marijuana</a>
CA	√*	1996  2016	Cal. Health & Safety Code § 11357-11362.9 “Compassionate Use Act of 1996”  California Ballot Proposition 64 “The Adult Use of Marijuana Act”	See also: <a href="http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MMP/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MMP/Pages/default.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Prescribing/Medical_Marijuana.aspx">http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Prescribing/Medical_Marijuana.aspx</a>
CO	√*	2000  2012	CRSA Const. Art. 18 § 14 A Constitutional Amendment to allow for the medical use of marijuana for persons suffering from debilitating medical conditions  CRSA § 25-1.5-106 “Medical Marijuana Program”  Colorado Amendment 64 “Use and Regulation of Marijuana”	See also: <a href="http://www.goo.gl/KXNvvF">www.goo.gl/KXNvvF</a> and <a href="http://www.cdph.state.co.us/hs/Medicalmarijuana/index.html">http://www.cdph.state.co.us/hs/Medicalmarijuana/index.html</a>
CT	√*	2012  2021	2012 Conn. Legis. Serv. P.A. 12-55 “The Palliative Use of Marijuana”  Senate Bill 1201 “An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-use Cannabis”	See also: <a href="http://www.ct.gov/dcp/cwp/view.asp?a=4287&amp;q=503670&amp;dcpNav= &amp;dcpNav_GID=2109">http://www.ct.gov/dcp/cwp/view.asp?a=4287&amp;q=503670&amp;dcpNav= &amp;dcpNav_GID=2109</a>
DE	√*	2011  2015 2019	16 DE Code § 4920A “The Delaware Medical Marijuana Act”  HB 39 (2015) SB 45 (2019) “Decriminalization”	See also: <a href="http://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/hsp/medmarhome.html">http://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/hsp/medmarhome.html</a>

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		2023	<a href="#">HB 1 (2023)</a> <a href="#">HB 2 (2023)</a> “An Act amending Delaware code related to Marijuana” and “Creation of the Delaware Marijuana Control Act”	
DC	√*	2010	<a href="#">DC ST § 7-1671.01 et seq.</a> “Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Amendment Act of 2010”	See also: <a href="http://doh.dc.gov/service/medical-marijuana-program">http://doh.dc.gov/service/medical-marijuana-program</a>
		2014	<a href="#">DC Ballot Initiative 71</a> “Legalization of Home Cultivation and Possession of Minimal Amounts of Marijuana for Personal Use Act of 2014”	
FL	√	2016	<a href="#">Florida Ballot Amendment 2</a> “Use of Marijuana for Debilitating Medical Conditions”	
GA	√+	2015	<a href="#">Ga. Code Ann. § 16-12-191</a> “Regulation of Low THC Oil”	
GU	√*	2014	<a href="#">Public Law 33-220</a> “Joaquin Concepcion II Compassionate Care Act”	See also: <a href="http://dphss.guam.gov/medical-cannabis-license-applications/">http://dphss.guam.gov/medical-cannabis-license-applications/</a>
		2019	<a href="#">Bill No. 32-35</a> “Guam Cannabis Industry Act of 2019”	
HI	√	2000	<a href="#">HRS § 329-121 et seq.</a> “Medical Use of Marijuana Act”	See also: <a href="http://health.hawaii.gov/std-aids/medical-marijuana-program/">http://health.hawaii.gov/std-aids/medical-marijuana-program/</a> and <a href="http://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Physian-Information-Med-Marijuana-rev113011.pdf">http://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Physian-Information-Med-Marijuana-rev113011.pdf</a>
		2020	<a href="#">HB 1383 (2020)</a> “Marijuana; Decriminalization; Expungement”	
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IL	√*	2013	<a href="#">410 ILCS § 130</a> “Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act”	See also: <a href="http://www2.illinois.gov/gov/mcpp/Pages/default.aspx">http://www2.illinois.gov/gov/mcpp/Pages/default.aspx</a> and <a href="http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/MedicalCannabis/">http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/MedicalCannabis/</a>
		2019	<a href="#">410 ILCS § 705</a> “Cannabis Tax and Regulation Act of 2019”	
IN	√+	2017	<a href="#">Public Law 188 of 2017</a>	

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IA	√+	2014	Iowa Code § 124D “Medical Cannabidiol Act”	See also: <a href="http://idph.iowa.gov/mcarcp">http://idph.iowa.gov/mcarcp</a>
KS	--			
KY	√	2014	K.R.S. § 218A.010 “Marijuana – Definition”	
		2022	Executive Order 2022-798 “Executive Action relating to Medical Cannabis”	See also: <a href="#">Executive Order Allows Use of Medical Marijuana in Kentucky</a>
		2023	SB 47 (2023) “An Act relating to Medical Cannabis”	* <a href="#">Takes effect in 2025</a>
LA	√	2015	La. Stat. Ann. § 40:1046 “Therapeutic Use of Marijuana”  La. Admin. Code tit. 46, § 7701 et seq. “Marijuana for Therapeutic Use by Patients Suffering from a Debilitating Medical Condition”	See also: <a href="http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2892">http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2892</a> and <a href="https://www.lsbme.la.gov/content/therapeutic-marijuana-guidance">https://www.lsbme.la.gov/content/therapeutic-marijuana-guidance</a>
ME	√*	1999	22 MRSA § 2421 et seq. “Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act”	See also: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/dlrs/mmm/">http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/dlrs/mmm/</a> and <a href="http://www.maine.gov/legis/lawlib/medmarij.html">http://www.maine.gov/legis/lawlib/medmarij.html</a>
		2016	Maine Ballot Question 1 “Marijuana Legalization Act”	
MD	√*	2014	MD Code § 13-3301 et seq. “Natalie LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission”	See also: <a href="http://dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/Medical%20Marijuana%20Commission.aspx">http://dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/Medical%20Marijuana%20Commission.aspx</a>
		2022	Maryland Question 4 “Legalization of Adult Use and Possession of Cannabis”	
MA	√*	2013	M.G.L. 369 “For the Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana”	See also: <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/medical-marijuana/">http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/medical-marijuana/</a>
		2016	Massachusetts Ballot Question 4 “Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana”	
MI	√*	2008	MCLA 333.26421 et seq. “Michigan Medical Marihuana Act”	See also: <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/marijuana/">https://www.michigan.gov/marijuana/</a>

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		2018	Proposal 18-1 “Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act”	
MN	√	2014	M.S.L. 361 §§ 1-22 “Medical Cannabis (Marijuana) Registry Program Establishment”	See also: <a href="https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/cannabis/rulemaking/index.html">https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/cannabis/rulemaking/index.html</a>
		2022	HF 4065 (2022) “A bill for an act relating to state government”  Minn. Stat. §§152.22-152.37 Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Use Program	Legalizes Delta-8 THC, which is derived from hemp with less than 0.3 percent THC ( <a href="#">Source</a> )
MS	√	2014	Miss. Code Ann. § 41-29-136 “Harper Grace’s Law”	See also: <a href="https://www.mpp.org/states/mississippi/mississippi-medical-cannabis-act-summary/">https://www.mpp.org/states/mississippi/mississippi-medical-cannabis-act-summary/</a>
		2020	Initiative 65 of 2020 (later ruled unconstitutional) “Medical Marijuana”	
		2022	S.B. 2095 “Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act”	
MO	√*	2014	Mo. Rev. Stat. § 192.945.1 “Registration Cards” Mo. Rev. Stat. § 195.207.1 “Use of Hemp Extract” Mo. Rev. Stat. § 261.265.1 “License Issuance”	*Note: RsMO 192.945 and 195.207 refer to Hemp Extract for epileptic patients and is legally distinct from medical marijuana based on THC content and not considered part of the Missouri Medical Marijuana Regulatory Program.
		2014	SB 491 (2014) “Decriminalization”	
		2018	Article XIV of Missouri Constitution (Amendment 2) “Right to Access Medical Marijuana”	See also: <a href="https://health.mo.gov/safety/medical-marijuana/">https://health.mo.gov/safety/medical-marijuana/</a>
		2022	Missouri Constitutional Amendment 3 “Legalize Marijuana”	
MT	√*	2004	M.C.A. § 50-46-301 et seq.	See also: <a href="http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/qad/Licensure/MMP.aspx">http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/qad/Licensure/MMP.aspx</a>

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		2020	<p>“Montana Marijuana Act”</p> <p><a href="#">Initiative 190 of 2020</a></p> <p>“Legalization of the possession and use of limited amounts of marijuana for adults over the age of 21”</p>	
NE	--			
NV	√*	2000	<p><a href="#">NRS 453A.010 et seq.</a></p> <p>“Medical Use of Marijuana”</p>	See also: <a href="http://health.nv.gov/MedicalMarijuana.htm">http://health.nv.gov/MedicalMarijuana.htm</a> and <a href="http://www.medboard.nv.gov/Advisory%20Opinions/No.%2014-1%20Adv.%20Op..pdf">http://www.medboard.nv.gov/Advisory%20Opinions/No.%2014-1%20Adv.%20Op..pdf</a> and <a href="http://license.k3systems.com/LicensingPublic/docs/PositionPaperRegardingMedicalMarijuana_20140909.pdf">http://license.k3systems.com/LicensingPublic/docs/PositionPaperRegardingMedicalMarijuana_20140909.pdf</a>
		2016	<p><a href="#">Nevada Ballot Question 2</a></p> <p>“Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act”</p>	
NH	√	2013	<p><a href="#">RSA 126-X</a></p> <p>“Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes”</p>	See also: <a href="http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/oos/tcp/index.htm">http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/oos/tcp/index.htm</a>
		2017	<p><a href="#">HB 640 (2017)</a></p> <p>“Decriminalization”</p>	
NJ	√*	2010	<p><a href="#">NJSA 24:6I-1 et seq.</a></p> <p>“New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act”</p>	See also: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/health/medicalmarijuana/">http://www.state.nj.us/health/medicalmarijuana/</a>
		2020	<p><a href="#">Public Question 1 of 2020</a></p> <p>“Constitutional Amendment to Legalize Marijuana”</p>	
NM	√*	2007	<p><a href="#">NMSA 1978 Section 26-2B-1 et seq.</a></p> <p>“Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act”</p>	See also: <a href="http://nmhealth.org/about/mcp/svcs/hpp/">http://nmhealth.org/about/mcp/svcs/hpp/</a>
		2021	<p><a href="#">N.M. Stat. § 7-43-47</a></p> <p>“Cannabis Regulation Act”</p>	
NY	√*	2014	<p><a href="#">NY Pub. Health L. § 3360 - 3369</a></p> <p>“Compassionate Care Act”</p>	See also: <a href="http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/medical_marijuana/">http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/medical_marijuana/</a>
		2021	<p><a href="#">Senate Bill S854A</a></p> <p>“Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act”</p>	
NC	√+	2014	<p><a href="#">N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-113.100 – .106</a></p> <p>“Epilepsy Alternative Treatment Act”</p>	
ND	√	2016	<p><a href="#">North Dakota Initiated Statutory Measure 5</a></p> <p>“Medical Marijuana”</p>	See also: <a href="https://www.health.nd.gov/mm">https://www.health.nd.gov/mm</a>

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		2019	HB 1050 (2019) “Decriminalization”	
OH	√	2016	House Bill 523 “Medical Marijuana Control Program”	See also: <a href="http://www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/">http://www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/</a>
OK	√	2015	Okla. Stat. tit. 2A §§ 2-801 – 805 “Clinical Trials – Definitions”	See also: <a href="http://omma.ok.gov/">http://omma.ok.gov/</a>
		2018	State Question 78	
OR	√*	1998	ORS § 475.300 et seq. “Oregon Medical Marijuana Act”	See also: <a href="http://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/ChronicDisease/MedicalMarijuanaProgram/Pages/index.aspx">http://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/ChronicDisease/MedicalMarijuanaProgram/Pages/index.aspx</a>
		2014	Oregon Legalized Marijuana Initiative, Measure 91 “Control, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana and Industrial Hemp Act of 2014”	
PA	√	2016	2016 Public Act 16 “Medical Marijuana”	See also: <a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Medical%20Marijuana/Pages/Medical%20Marijuana.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Medical%20Marijuana/Pages/Medical%20Marijuana.aspx</a>
PR	√	2016	Regulation 155 “The Use, Cultivation, Manufacture, Production, Fabrication, Dispensing, Distribution, and Investigation of Medical Cannabis”	
RI	√*	2006	Gen. Laws 1956, § 21-28.6-1 et seq. “The Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act”	See also: <a href="http://www.health.ri.gov/healthcare/medicalmarijuana/for/providers/">http://www.health.ri.gov/healthcare/medicalmarijuana/for/providers/</a>
		2022	SB 2430 (Substitute) (2022) "The Rhode Island Cannabis Act"	
SC	√+	2014	S.C. Code Ann. § 44-53-1820 “FDA approved clinical trials to treat patients who have certain forms of epilepsy with Cannabidiol”	
SD	√	2020	Initiated Measure 26 of 2020 “An initiated measure on legalizing marijuana for medical use”  Constitutional Amendment A of 2020	

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			“An amendment to the South Dakota Constitution to legalize, regulate, and tax marijuana”	
TN	√+	2014	<a href="#">Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-402(16)</a> “Marijuana – Definition”	
TX	√+	2015	<a href="#">Tex. Health &amp; Safety Code § 487</a> “Texas Compassionate-Use Act”	See also: <a href="http://www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/CUP/">http://www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/CUP/</a>
UT	√	2014	<a href="#">Utah Code § 26-56</a> “Hemp Extract Registration Act”	
		2018	<a href="#">Utah Code § 4-41b-101</a> “The Utah Medical Cannabis Act”	
VT	√*	2004	<a href="#">18 VSA § 4472 et seq.</a> “Therapeutic Use of Cannabis”  <a href="#">18 VSA. § 4230</a> “Marijuana”	See also: <a href="http://vcic.vermont.gov/marijuana_registry/physicians">http://vcic.vermont.gov/marijuana_registry/physicians</a>
VA	√*	2015	<a href="#">Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-3408.3</a> “Certification for use of cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil to treat intractable epilepsy”	See also: <a href="https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/pharmacy/PharmaceuticalProcessing/FAQ.htm">https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/pharmacy/PharmaceuticalProcessing/FAQ.htm</a>
		2021	<a href="#">Va. Code Ann. § 551</a> “Virginia Cannabis Control Act (CCA)”	
VI	√*	2019	<a href="#">Bill No. 32-0135</a> “Virgin Islands Medicinal Cannabis Care Act”	See also: <a href="https://www.vi.gov/governor-bryan-signs-adult-use-cannabis-legislation-into-law/">https://www.vi.gov/governor-bryan-signs-adult-use-cannabis-legislation-into-law/</a>
		2023	<a href="#">Act 8680</a> “Virgin Islands Cannabis Use Act”	
WA	√*	1998	<a href="#">RCW 69.51a</a> “Washington State Medical Use of Cannabis Act”	See also: <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/MedicalMarijuanaCannabis/HealthCareProvidersFrequentlyAskedQuestions.aspx">http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/MedicalMarijuanaCannabis/HealthCareProvidersFrequentlyAskedQuestions.aspx</a>
		2012	<a href="#">Washington Initiative 502</a> “Washington Marijuana Legalization and Regulation”	
WV	√	2017	<a href="#">Senate Bill 386</a> “Medical Cannabis Act”	See also: <a href="https://dhhr.wv.gov/bph/Pages/Medical-Cannabis-Program.aspx">https://dhhr.wv.gov/bph/Pages/Medical-Cannabis-Program.aspx</a>
WI	√+	2014	<a href="#">Wis. Stat. §§ 961.14, 961.34, 961.38</a> “Controlled Substances Therapeutic Research”	

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