

Washington State

Status of Medical Marijuana (Cannabis) in Washington State.

Washington State has a MEDICAL MARIJUANA (cannabis) LAW

SUMMARY: Fifty-nine percent of voters approved Measure 692 on November 3, 1998. The law took effect on that day. It removes state-level criminal penalties on the use, possession and cultivation of marijuana by patients who possess "valid documentation" from their physician affirming that he or she suffers from a debilitating condition and that the "potential benefits of the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks." Patients diagnosed with the following illnesses are afforded legal protection under this act: cachexia; cancer; HIV or AIDS; epilepsy; glaucoma; intractable pain (defined as pain unrelieved by standard treatment or medications); and multiple sclerosis. Other conditions are subject to approval by the Washington Board of Health. Patients (or their primary caregivers) may legally possess or cultivate no more than a 60-day supply of marijuana. The law does not establish a state-run patient registry.

Possession/Cultivation: No more than two mature marijuana plants, seven immature plants, and two ounces of usable marijuana may be collectively possessed between the registered patient and the patient's registered caregiver. A marijuana plant shall be considered mature when male or female flower buds are readily observed on the plant by unaided visual examination. Until this sexual differentiation has taken place, a marijuana plant will be considered immature.

Amendment(s): Effective: 2007 (rules being defined by Legislature with a July 1, 2008 due date), Final Rule (PDF 123KB) based on Significant Analysis (PDF 370KB) Effective: Nov. 2, 2008 | Senate Bill 6032, mandated the Department of Health to "adopt rules defining the quantity of marijuana that could reasonably be presumed to be a sixty-day supply for qualifying patients." In October 2008, the department finalized guidelines allowing patients to cultivate up to 15 cannabis plants and/or possess up to 24 ounces of usable marijuana. The new limits took effect on November 2, 2008. Patients who possess larger quantities of cannabis than those approved by the Department will continue to receive legal protection under the law if they present evidence indicating that they require such amounts to adequately treat their qualifying medical condition. Senate Bill 6032 also affirmed changes previously recommended by the state's Medical Quality Assurance Commission to expand the state's list of qualifying conditions to include Crohn's disease, hepatitis c, and any "diseases, including anorexia, which results in nausea, vomiting, wasting, appetite loss, cramping, seizures, muscle spasms, and/or spasticity, when these symptoms are unrelieved by standard treatments or medications." It also limits the ability of police to seize medicinal cannabis that is "determined ... [to be] possessed lawfully [by an authorized patients] under the ... law."

Changes to Approved Conditions: Added Crohn's disease, Hepatitis C with debilitating nausea or intractable pain, diseases, including anorexia, which result in nausea, vomiting, wasting, appetite loss, cramping, seizures, muscle spasms, or spasticity, when those conditions are unrelieved by standard treatments or medications.

Changes to Possession/Cultivation: A qualifying patient and designated provider may possess a total of no more than twenty-four ounces of usable marijuana, and no more than fifteen plants. This quantity became the state's official "60-day supply" on Nov. 2, 2008.

Application information: NOTE - **No state registration program has been established. (!) Information on Washington's medical marijuana law is available by mail, fax, and online:

Department of Health

PO Box 47866

Olympia, WA 98504-7866

Phone: 360-236-4768

[WA Medical Marijuana website](#)

Fee: N / A

Info on Washington State and Medical Cannabis

▶ **ASA : Becoming a Patient in Washington State | Information of how to become a legal medical cannabis (medical marijuana) patient, and how to get safe access and legal access in Washington State. Visit: www.safeaccessnow.org/article.php?id=3904**

About The Program

Washington state voters passed the Medical Use of Marijuana Act in 1998 as a ballot initiative (I-692), and the Washington State Legislature amended the Act in 2007 with Senate Bill 6032. Patients with terminal or debilitating medical conditions, and their friends, families, providers and physicians, should take time to understand this law, which is codified in Chapter 69.51A of the Revised Code of Washington. The information here provides a general explanation of the Medical Use of Marijuana Act. For legal advice on how the act applies or does not apply to you personally, you should speak with an attorney who is familiar with this law.

More INFO

▶ **Marijuana - Washington State Studies.** In November 1998 the voters of Washington State approved Initiative 692, the Washington Medical Use of Marijuana Act. The non-specific provisions of the Initiative could lead to

contentious court battles, inconsistent enforcement, and unclear messages to youth concerning the use of marijuana. This paper is an attempt to describe the issues and propose solutions to avoid implementation problems. Visit: http://www.mfiles.org/Marijuana/medicinal_use/b2_wash_state_studies.html

▶ **Initiative 692 - Wash. State Medical Marijuana Act.** Guide to Washington's Medical Use of Marijuana Act features resources for patients and physicians. Also find news and contact information. Visit: <http://www.eventure.com/i692/>

▶ **Washington's Medical Marijuana Laws Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 69.51A | Fifty-nine percent of voters approved Initiative 692 on November 3, 1998. Initiative 692 created Chapter 69.51A RCW, which allows patients with terminal illnesses and persons with some chronic diseases described in the law to use and possess marijuana once they've received appropriate documentation from their physician.** The law protects the physicians and primary caregivers of these patients against criminal prosecution and/or penalizing administrative actions by the state of Washington. Law only gives an affirmative defense at trial, not a protection from arrest. RCWs > Title 69 > Chapter 69.51A | For more on Chapter 69.51A RCW - Medical marijuana, Visit: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=69.51A>

LINKs

▶ **Full Text of Washington State Medical Marijuana Act ... (d) Any other medical condition duly approved by the. Washington state medical quality assurance board ...** Visit: http://www.spocannabis.com/pdf_docz/MMJRCW.pdf

▶ **ACLU of Washington: The Washington Medical Use of Marijuana Act. A Guide for Patients, Caregivers, Physicians, Law Enforcement, and the Public.** Washington State voters passed the Medical Use of Marijuana Act in 1998 as a ballot initiative (I-692). Before beginning treatment, it is extremely important that patients, caregivers, and physicians take time to understand the Medical Use of Marijuana Act, which is codified in Chapter 69.51A of the Revised Code of Washington. The information here provides a general explanation of the law. For legal advice on how the law applies or does not apply to you personally, you should speak with an attorney who is familiar with this law. Visit: http://www.aclu-wa.org/issues/war_on_drugs/GuideMedMari.html

► **NORML Home / Legal Issues / Legal Brief Bank / United States v. OCBC. ... Supreme Court Rules Feds Can Arrest State-Recognized Medical Cannabis Patients ... Visit: http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=4950**

The Basics

► **What does the Medical Use of Marijuana Act do? | Washington state's medical marijuana law provides qualifying patients and their designated providers a defense in state and local courts to criminal charges relating to growing, possessing, or administering medical marijuana.** The law also clarifies that doctors may discuss medical marijuana as a treatment option with their patients and authorize its use without penalty.

Washington's law does not, however, change federal marijuana laws, and the federal government does not recognize the medical use of marijuana by anyone other than the patients grandfathered into the Compassionate Investigational New Drug program initiated in 1978 and closed to new applicants in 1991. Therefore, anyone who manufactures, distributes, dispenses, or possesses marijuana for any purpose still may be prosecuted under federal law. See Title 21, Chapter 13, sections 841 and 844 of the United States Code. Fortunately, due to more pressing criminal justice priorities, very few medical marijuana patients or providers have warranted the attention of Washington's federal law enforcement agents and U.S. Attorneys.

The Medical Use of Marijuana Act does not legalize marijuana for recreational or any other use that is not specifically covered by the law. The law applies to only the medical conditions listed in the statute (see below) and others that may be approved by the Washington State Medical Quality Assurance Commission and Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. All other uses of marijuana remain illegal.

Originally, the law protected qualifying patients and their designated providers from conviction but did not technically protect them from arrest or prosecution. In 2007, the Legislature added the following language:

If a law enforcement officer determines that marijuana is being possessed lawfully under the medical marijuana law, the officer may document the amount of marijuana, take a representative sample that is large enough to test, but not seize the marijuana.

The Legislature also added language that requires the Washington State Department of Health, by July 1, 2008, to define a presumptive quantity that

could reasonably be considered a patient's 60 day supply of medical marijuana. Patients who possess no more than this amount will be presumed to be in compliance with the law; patients who require more than this amount still maintain the right to present evidence of their personal, actual medical need in court. More information about the Department of Health's rulemaking process may be found at the following Web site: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/medical-marijuana/>

▶ **Who is a protected "qualifying patient"? | Washington's law protects patients suffering from specified terminal or debilitating medical conditions who have been diagnosed by, and received a qualifying statement from, a Washington state physician licensed under RCW 18.71 (M.D.) or RCW 18.57 (osteopath). The patient must be a resident of Washington state at the time he or she is diagnosed by that physician with a covered illness, and he or she must be advised by the physician (1) about the "risks and benefits" of medical marijuana and (2) that he or she "may benefit from the medical use of marijuana."** The Washington State Medical Association has developed a standard form (visit http://www.aclu-wa.org/library_files/Documentation_of_Physician_Authorization.pdf) for physicians to use. The medical marijuana law does not cover all terminal or debilitating medical conditions – only those illnesses and categories of illnesses currently listed in the statute or subsequently approved by the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (MQAC) and Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. Currently, the following conditions are listed in and covered by the Medical Use of Marijuana Act:

- (a) Cancer, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), multiple sclerosis, epilepsy or other seizure disorder, or spasticity disorders;
- (b) Intractable pain, limited for the purpose of this chapter to mean pain unrelieved by standard medical treatments and medications;
- (c) Glaucoma, either acute or chronic, limited for the purpose of this chapter to mean increased intraocular pressure unrelieved by standard treatments and medications;
- (d) Crohn's disease with debilitating symptoms unrelieved by standard treatments or medications;
- (e) Hepatitis C with debilitating nausea or intractable pain unrelieved by standard treatments or medications; and

(f) Diseases, including anorexia, which result in nausea, vomiting, wasting, appetite loss, cramping, seizures, muscle spasms, or spasticity, when these symptoms are unrelieved by standard treatments or medications. Anyone may petition the Medical Quality Assurance Commission and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery to add other terminal or debilitating conditions to the list.

▶ **Qualifying patients must carry their "valid documentation" with them whenever they possess or use medical marijuana. Valid documentation consists of two items: (1) their physician's authorization, and (2) proof of their identity, such as a Washington state driver's license or identicard. A qualifying patient must present both of these items to any law enforcement officer who questions the patient regarding his or her use of medical marijuana.**

▶ **Who is a protected "designated provider"? Some qualifying patients need help growing, obtaining, storing, or using medical marijuana, so the law allows them to appoint a "designated provider" who will also be protected under the Medical Use of Marijuana Act. A designated provider is defined as a person who:**

(a) Is 18 years of age or older;

(b) Has been designated in writing by a patient to serve as a designated provider under this chapter;

(c) Is prohibited from consuming marijuana obtained for the personal, medical use of the patient for whom the individual is acting as a designated provider (this does not prohibit a patient from being a designated provider for another patient and consuming his or her own personal supply of medical marijuana); and

(d) Is the designated provider to only one patient at any one time. The qualifying patient must designate the provider in writing before the provider assumes responsibility for the patient's medical marijuana, and the designated provider must carry

(1) a copy of the patient's designation,

(2) a copy of the patient's physician authorization, and (3) proof of identity whenever he or she is growing, obtaining, or in possession of medical marijuana, to be presented to law enforcement upon request.

▶ **How much medical marijuana can qualifying patients and designated providers possess? Qualifying patients and designated providers are**

permitted to possess "no more marijuana than is necessary for the patient's personal, medical use, not exceeding the amount necessary for a sixty-day supply." RCW 69.51A.040(3)(b). As explained above, the Washington State Department of Health currently is in the process of defining "the quantity of marijuana that could reasonably be presumed to be a 60 day supply for qualifying patients." This definition is due July 1, 2008. Patients will still maintain the right to present evidence in court that their necessary medical use exceeds the presumptive amount.

▶ **How does the medical marijuana law protect physicians? Washington law states that licensed physicians "shall not be penalized in any manner, or denied any right or privilege" for:**

(1) Advising patients about the risks and benefits of medical marijuana; or

(2) Providing a qualifying patient with valid documentation that the medical use of marijuana may benefit that particular patient.

Physicians and their prescription licenses are also protected under federal law. In *Conant v. Walters*¹, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that threats from the federal government to revoke physicians' DEA registrations or initiate investigations based solely on physicians' recommendations of medical marijuana to their patients violated the core First Amendment values of the doctor-patient relationship. But physicians still cannot formally prescribe or provide marijuana to their patients – only patients and their providers may possess marijuana for the patient's medical use.

▶ **Does the medical marijuana law offer any protection to other people in the qualifying patient's life? No one can be punished "solely for being in the presence or vicinity of medical marijuana or its use." RCW 69.51A.050(2).** As long as they are not in actual possession of the patient's medical marijuana ("constructive possession," like being in the same room, does not count) or actively participating in the growing, obtaining, delivering, or administering of the patient's medical marijuana, family members, friends, roommates, medical services providers, social workers, and anyone else may be around medical marijuana users and their designated providers without fear of prosecution.

The medical marijuana law only allows qualifying patients and their designated providers to possess medical marijuana – and only qualifying patients to use the marijuana. The law does not allow anyone else to possess, acquire, deliver, grow, harvest, or use marijuana for any purpose.

▶ **What are the limits of the medical marijuana law? The Medical Use of Marijuana Act protects only the individuals described in the statute (see above). Except for the assistance given by a designated provider to a qualifying patient, growing marijuana or giving marijuana to anyone is still a crime under Washington state law. Even qualifying patients can be prosecuted for giving their medical marijuana to someone for whom they are not also the designated provider.**

The act describes two new state criminal offenses:

- **It is a misdemeanor to use or display medical marijuana "in a manner or place which is open to the view of the general public."**
- **It is a class C felony to fraudulently produce any record purporting to be, or tamper with the content of any record for the purpose of having it accepted as, valid documentation.**

And the act sets certain other limitations:

- **No health insurer can be required to pay for the medical use of marijuana.**
- **Physicians are not required to authorize the medical use of marijuana for a patient.**
- **Places of employment, school buses, school grounds, youth centers, and correctional facilities are not required to accommodate the on-site use of medical marijuana.**
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Patients are not allowed to smoke medical marijuana in any public place in which smoking of any kind is prohibited under the Washington Clean Indoor Air Act, Chapter 70.160 of the Revised Code of Washington.

- **The law does not protect medical use of marijuana "in a way that endangers the health or well-being of any person through the use of a motorized vehicle on a street, road, or highway." In other words, qualifying patients cannot drive under the influence of medical marijuana.**

[1] 309 F.3d 629 (9th Cir. 2002), cert. denied, 540 U.S. 946, 124 S. Ct. 387, 157 L. Ed. 2d 276 (2003). Source/s = Visit - <http://www.aclu-wa.org/detail.cfm?id=182> and http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=3391

LINKs

▶ **More INFO and other RESOURCES** can be found at > http://www.aclu-wa.org/issues/index.cfm?issue_id=11

▶ **Also, ACLU >> Home » Issues » Drug Policy » Marijuana Education Project »**

- * Washington's Medical Use of Marijuana Act (ADOBE PDF)
- * A Guide to Washington's Medical Marijuana Law
- * Medical Marijuana Patient Records Are Private, Court Rules
- * Public Housing (ADOBE PDF)
- * Governor Signs Bill Strengthening Medical Marijuana Law

And more! Visit: http://www.aclu-wa.org//issues/subissue.cfm?issuesubissue_id=47

▶ **The State of Medical Marijuana in Washington : Medical Cannabis: Rational Guidelines for Dosing ... of Neurology. University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA, USA ... the synapse into an altered state.[18,19,20] Abstract: The medicinal value of cannabis (marijuana) is well documented in the medical literature.** Cannabinoids, the active ingredients in cannabis, have many distinct pharmacological properties. These include analgesic, anti-emetic, anti-oxidative, neuroprotective, and anti-inflammatory actions, as well as modulation of glial cells and tumor growth regulation. Concurrent with all these advances in the understanding of physiological and pharmacological mechanisms of cannabis, there is a strong need for developing rational guidelines for dosing. This paper will review the known chemistry and pharmacology of cannabis and then, on that basis, discuss rational guidelines for dosing. Visit: <http://www.cannabismd.org/foundation/mmjdosingguidelines.php>

▶ *** 1999 Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Sciences Report "Marijuana And Medicine: Assessing The Science Base" By Janet E. Joy, Stanley J. Watson, Jr. And John Benson Jr., Editors. Visit: <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/6376.html>**

▶ *** Is Marijuana the Right Medicine for You?** A Factual Guide to Medical Uses of Marijuana by Bill Zimmerman, PhD with Rick Bayer, MD and Nancy Crumpacker, MD, ISBN#0-87983-906-6 (Keats 1998). Chapter 3: Why All the Controversy? What Does The Research Actually Show? is online at: <http://www.medmjscience.org/Media/pdf/chap3.pdf>

▶ *** O'Shaughnessy's Journal** of the California Cannabis Research Medical Group (CCRMG) . Visit: <http://www.ccrmg.org/journal.html>

▶ *** A guide to OMMA and medical cannabis in general.** The OMMA Web Page by Rick Bayer, MD, FACP. Visit: <http://www.omma1998.org>

The Law, LEGAL Resources

▶ for legal help - Jeffrey Steinborn, 1800 Seattle Tower - 1218 3rd Ave., Seattle, 98101, Fax: 206-622-3848, Phone: 206-622-5117, Other Phone: 1-800-700-5117, or Visit: www.potbust.com

Also, here are some national / international Resources -

▶ **The Laws concerning marijuana in Washington State.** By NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. Visit: norml.org/index.cfm?wtm_view=&Group_ID=4571 for more.

▶ **ASA : Washington State's Medical Marijuana Laws** | Medical cannabis (medical marijuana) laws in Washington State. Visit: www.safeaccessnow.org/section.php?id=199

▶ **Drug Policy Alliance: Info for Medical Marijuana Litigators: Washington State ...** Home > Marijuana: The Facts > Medical Marijuana > Legal Challenges > Info for Litigators > Legal > State Laws > Info for Medical Marijuana Litigators: Washington State ... Click > [here](#) < for more.

▶ **Medicinal Marijuana - State-by-State American Laws | U.S. State Laws on Medical Marijuana Source: CNN Interactive** Highlights: A licensed pharmacist may dispense cannabis type drugs to a person receiving ... click > [here](#) < for more.

▶ **U.S. Marijuana Laws, Medical Marijuana Facts, Cannabis, Hemp | Provides U.S. Marijuana Laws,** Facts About Marijuana, Marijuana Drug Testing, Drug Detection Times, Medical Marijuana, and Information About Your Rights ... North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon... visit - www.usmarijuanalaws.com

▶ **Erowid Cannabis Vault : Legal Status, U.S. LAW | Both Cannabis and Tetrahydrocannabinols, the active chemicals contained in Cannabis plants, are Schedule I in the United States. This means they are federally illegal to cultivate, buy, possess, or distribute (sell, trade or give) in all forms (cannabis plants, extracts, hash, hash oil, thc, etc) except synthetic THC (Marinol) which is Schedule III.** The federal scheduling of Cannabis was disputed in 1988 by Judge Francis Young, an administrative law judge for the DEA, who recommended that marijuana be reclassified as schedule II on the grounds that if a respectable minority of doctors endorse it, then it has a "currently accepted medical use". Visit: http://www.erowid.org/plants/cannabis/cannabis_law.shtml

▶ **Legal and medical status of cannabis - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia | Cannabis is in Schedule IV of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, making it subject to special restrictions.** Article 2 provides for the following, in reference to Schedule IV drugs:

A Party shall, if in its opinion the prevailing conditions in its country render it the most appropriate means of protecting the public health and welfare, prohibit the production, manufacture, export and import of, trade in, possession or use of any such drug except for amounts which may be necessary for medical and scientific research only, including clinical trials therein to be conducted under or subject to the direct supervision and control of the Party.

This provision, while apparently providing for the limitation of cannabis to research purposes only, also seems to allow some latitude for nations to make their own judgments. The official Commentary on the Single Convention indicates that Parties are expected to make that judgment in good faith. Click > [here](#) < for more.

LEGISLATION, Action Items and related Resources

▶ **Drug Policy Alliance: Reform in Washington State | Medical Marijuana: Washington allows patients to use medical marijuana if they have terminal or debilitating illnesses and documentation from a physician. This law was enacted in November of 1998 after voters passed Measure 692.** Other Recent Drug Reforms: The State of Washington rivals New Mexico in its drug policy reform pace, enacting several reforms since 1996, ranging from legalizing medical marijuana to decriminalizing the sale and possession of syringes. ... visit: <http://www.drugpolicy.org/statebystate/washington/>

▶ **NORML / A Page Just For You / Medical Marijuana Patients | This section is to help you locate the information you need to become fully informed regarding medical marijuana -- as well as play an important role in changing America's misguided marijuana laws.** Select One, All States and Canada, Mexico, Europe, Other ... visit: http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=4482

▶ **DrugInfo - Medical Cannabis: USA > In Search of a Viable Distribution System for Oklahoma's Medical Marijuana Program** ... Medicinal Cannabis: USA Federal: Legislation, Court Decisions and Commentaries States: Legislation and Programs. Click [here](#) for more.

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local Organizations, CONTACTs and other Resources

FINDING A DOCTOR and Other Resources

Educate your current, regular primary care physician; if they were to talk about marijuana as medicine in Washington State, they would be protected by a 9th Circuit Supreme Court ruling that says they can! See [News](#) section. If your regular physician won't sign, specialists who qualify as providing primary care in this case are available. The cost is generally \$100 - \$200 a visit, so clarify full process and procedure before committing resources.

▶ **The Hemp & Cannabis Foundation hosts Clinics around Washington State.** | 1813 130th NE #210, Bellevue, Washington 98005 * WA (425)869-6186 * Fax(425)869-6378 * THCf - Washington, visit - <http://thc-foundation.com/washington/>

▶ **Washington State Department of Health** | 1112 SE Quince St. (P.O. Box 47890, Attention: Glenda Moore), Olympia, WA 98504-7890 * phone: (800) 525-0127 or (360) 236-4052, or visit - <http://www.doh.wa.gov/>

▶ **ACLU of Washington, Drug Reform Project** | **Fact sheets outlining Washington's medical marijuana law.** phone: (206) 624-2184 or visit: ... visit - <http://www.aclu-wa.org/detail.cfm?id=182>

▶ **Cannabis Defense Coalition** | is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization devoted to reporting, activism and support for citizens involved in medical-marijuana arrests and prosecutions in Washington State. Phone: 888-208-5332, or Visit - <http://cdc.coop/>

▶ **Green Cross Patient Cooperative**, PO Box 47347, Seattle, WA 98146, Phone: 206-762-0630 or Visit – <http://www.hemp.net/greencross/>

▶ **Emerald Cross (formerly GREEN CROSS OF SEATTLE)** Phone: 206-382-7497, Fax: 206-382-7498, or Visit – <http://seattlegreencross.com/default.html>

- ▶ **Lifeline Angels Cannabis Collective**, ... visit - <http://www.cannabismd.org>

- ▶ **Cannacare** is a Washington and Nevada State based Medical Marijuana group. phone 509.242-8624 or Visit . <http://www.CannaCare.org>

- ▶ **The Seattle Hempfest** the world's largest Cannabis policy reform event. ... Visit: <http://hempfest.org/>

- ▶ **Washington State Medical Marijuana FAQ.** This compilation of frequently asked questions (FAQ) contains answers to common questions about Initiative 692. ... visit - <http://www.hemp.net/692faq.html>

- ▶ **American Alliance For Medical Cannabis: Washington | Facts re medical marijuana (Cannabis) as medicine, laws for medicinal ...** Washington State medical marijuana patients are being subjected to entrapment by ... visit - <http://www.letfreedomgrow.com/aamcWASHINGTON.htm>

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- ▶ **American Medical Marijuana Association ... Medical Marijuana Pharmacy | Washington State. State registration program, Dept of Health and Social Services 907-465-5423.** Colorado. State registration program (303) 692-2184 medical.marijuana ... visit: <http://americanmarijuana.org/>

- ▶ **NORML Home / Medical Use by State.** All States and Canada Mexico Europe Other ... See Map: www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=3376 for more.

- ▶ **Patients Out of Time** is a patient advocacy organization with a universal constituency. They support the rights of patients to have a legal and safe access to the therapeutic use of cannabis. The mission of their organization, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, is the education of health care professionals and the public about the therapeutic use of cannabis. Their leadership is composed of medical and nursing professionals with expertise in the clinical applications of cannabis and five of the seven patients (two wish to remain anonymous) who receive their medical cannabis from the US government. Patients Out of Time is the only national non-profit in the United States that focuses only on therapeutic cannabis issues. Visit - www.medicalcannabis.com

▶ **Marijuana Policy Project (MPP). Join the Marijuana Policy Project!** State officials confirm Supreme Court decision does not impact state medical marijuana laws. Medical Marijuana Briefing Paper - 2005. Until 1937, marijuana (Cannabis sativa L.) was legal in the United States ... Hawaii enacted a medical marijuana law via its state legislature in 2000 and ... Visit: www.mpp.org/medicine.html

▶ **DrugSense: Drug Law Reform** ... of Justice Statistics, State Court Organization, 1998 (Washington, DC ... Cannabis in Medical Practice: A Legal, Historical and Pharmacological... Visit: www.drugsense.org

▶ **OCBC's Links Page. Organizations Supporting Medical-cannabis Reform.** Americans for Safe Access(ASA) coordinates "...a nation-wide day of action to push back DEA attempts to re-criminalize medical cannabis! ... Washington Citizens for Medical Rights, sponsored a successful medical cannabis ballot measure in November 1998. "As a result, this Initiative is now State ... Visit: www.rxcbc.org/links.html

▶ **Excellent medical info on cannabis, Washington State's I-692 Medical Marijuana Law** ... Greencross. Washington State based buyer's cooperative based in Seattle. Trailblazer in state ... Visit: www.seattlehempfest.com/links.php < for more.

▶ **Marijuana links. Popular Searches: Medical Marijuana Links. Marijuana Research Links.** ... about marijuana, The Washington State Medical Marijuana Act CHAPTER 69.51A RCW This is ... an activist for medical marijuana. Chronic Cannabis Use A report on ... Click > [here](#) < for more.

▶ **Open Directory - Society: Issues: Health: Drugs: Illegal: Pro-Legalization: Marijuana: Medical Purposes** ... to providing medical cannabis to those in need. Initiative 692 - Medical Marijuana - WCMR of Washington State ... use of medical cannabis in the state of Colorado. Medical Marijuana ... click > [here](#) < for more.

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FORUMS Section

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▶ **Ganja Grocer | We are your Medical Marijuana Resource Center. Learn How to Become a Legal Medical Marijuana Patient.** If you live in a state with Medical Marijuana Laws, Come visit our forums today! Visit - www.ganjabrocer.com < for more.

▶ **CANNABIS.COM** - is based in california and focused on providing the best possible resources for future and current medical marijuana patients, activists, and supporters. MessageBoard Forum. Cannabis FAQs. Image & Picture Gallery. Medical Marijuana. Vaporizer FAQ. Advertising Information ... Visit: www.cannabis.com

▶ **Cannabis Community Coalition. Forum for Medical Marijuana & Medicinal Cannabis Patients.** ... visit: cannabiscom.blogspot.com < for more.

▶ **The Compassionate Coalition's mission: To defend the rights of medical marijuana patients and care providers through education and community participation. A nonprofit grassroots organization that helps build and support local chapters nationwide, linking them with other medical marijuana reform organizations and resources.** Contact Information - Mailing Address: The Compassionate Coalition * 1500 Oliver Road, Ste-K * P.M.B. #248 * Fairfield, CA 94533-3473 * (NOTE: When sending mail to this address, please be sure to write "The Compassionate Coalition" in the address line. Thanks!) * Fax: (916)266-7455 * or Visit: www.compassionatecoalition.org/forum

▶ **The Amsterdam THC Ministry, First Universal Church of Kantheism, is based on ancient wisdom, modern science and the enlightening and healing properties of the cannabis sacrament.** Their mission includes liberating the sacred cannabis hemp plant and the minds and spirits of those who do and of those who do not revere it. May we all enjoy the rich, abundant, joyful and awakened life that is part of our natural inheritance. Visit: www.thc-ministry.net/forum

▶ **Ya-Hooka; Health_and_Medicinal/Buyers_Clubs Organizations and Compassion Clubs providing access to medical marijuana** ... Co-op ~ The Alternative Relief Co-op is a patient-oriented medical cannabis dispensary located in San Francisco ... It Report Broken Link. Arizona Medical Marijuana Co-Op ~ Click [here](#) for more.

▶ **Welcome to the Cannabis Classifieds Want Ads. To buy cannabis for medical purposes is legal in some areas.** Here you will find hundreds of medical doctors, professional growers, and prescription patients in need who want to buy cannabis legally but can't find each other. Visit: www.cannabisclassifieds.com/cannabiswant.html

EVENTs, Calendars and related Resources

▶ **ASA: Events | 3rd Annual Candlelight Vigil for Medical Cannabis Patients**
Saturday, April 22nd 2006 8 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania PhillyNORML will host it's
3rd annual ... visit - www.safeaccessnow.org/calendar.php?calid=315

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▶ **Common Sense for Drug Policy: Medical Marijuana Facts & News.** Tuesday, July 12, 2005. Search using CSDP's own search tool or use. **WWW Common Sense. More CSDP News Pages** ... card program for medical marijuana patients. The suspension has ... consequences of issuing medical marijuana ID cards that could affect medical marijuana users, their families ... www.csdp.org/news/news/medmar.htm

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▶ **Stop the Drug War (DRCNet) is an international organization working for an end to drug prohibition worldwide** and for interim policy reform in US drug laws and criminal justice system. visit - stopthedrugwar.org/news

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▶ **Research Findings on Medicinal Properties of Marijuana...** jurisdictions voted on medical marijuana initiatives. Six states Washington State, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada ... voted for medical marijuana. In all seven jurisdictions the initiatives passed by ... Visit: <http://www.csdp.org/kz/mmj.htm>

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1. Since 1996, twelve states have legalized medical marijuana use: AK, CA, CO, HI, ME, MT, NV, NM, OR, RI, VT, and WA. Eight of the twelve did so through the initiative process. Hawaii's law was enacted by the legislature and signed by the governor in 2000, Vermont's was enacted by the legislature and passed into law without the governor's signature in May 2004, Rhode Island's was passed into law over the governor's veto in January 2006, and New Mexico's legislation was signed into law by Governor Bill Richardson on April 2, 2007.

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▶ **Cannabis Yields and Dosage** | the authoritative study of the science and legalities of calculating medical marijuana. The booklet is available as a PDF by ... visit - www.safeaccessnow.net/yieldsdosage.htm

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▶ **Medical cannabis - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.** A catalog page offering Cannabis sativa extract. Medical cannabis refers to the use of Cannabis as a physician recommended herbal th... visit: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical_marijuana

▶ **Accepted Medical Use of Cannabis: Medical Professionals** by DrugScience.org. | Cannabis's accepted medical use in the United States is increasingly recognized by health care professionals and the medical community. visit: www.drugscience.org/amu/amu_medprof.htm

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▶ **Marijuana Rx: The Patient's Fight for Medicinal Pot (Book)** by Robert Randall & Alice O'Leary * This is a story of government betrayal -- a betrayal that continues today. But it is also a story of human courage and perseverance. Please take the time to read this book. Afterall, none of us are immune from the illnesses that marijuana can treat -- glaucoma, cancer, multiple sclerosis and more. Some day you might need medical access to marijuana. We pray that it will be as simple as a doctor's prescription. Full text articles, news summaries, supporting organizations and states, additional resources, and information on medical marijuana. Visit: marijuana-as-medicine.org

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