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Medical Marijuana Patient Applications Open

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) Division of Medical Marijuana is now accepting qualifying patient and designated caregiver applications. Instructions, video tutorials, and the link to securely access the online applications can be found on the Division of Medical Marijuana’s website at www.ndhealth.gov/MM/.

“One of the major milestones in implementing the Medical Marijuana Program has now been accomplished,” stated Jason Wahl, director of the Division of Medical Marijuana. “Through the diligent work of division staff and working closely with our information technology contractor, we have been able to finalize application materials within our established timeframe.”

Individuals interested in applying to become a registered qualifying patient will need to provide the required information. This includes contact information, an uploaded copy of their driver’s license, a recent photo of themselves, and their health care provider’s name and work email address. A health care provider will need to complete a written certification for an application to be complete.

A written certification must be made through a bona fide provider-patient relationship. The health care provider is agreeing that, in their opinion, the patient is likely to receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from the medical use of marijuana to treat or alleviate the patient’s debilitating medical condition. A health care provider does not prescribe or complete a prescription.

“There are no limits to the number of qualifying patient and designated caregiver applications that we can receive,” stated Wahl. “A review of applications and required verification work will be performed by the division once all necessary information has been submitted.”

Individuals interested in applying to become a designated caregiver submit similar information as a qualifying patient. A designated caregiver, however, is also required to have a criminal history record check conducted upon initial application and every two years thereafter.

“Applicants can have someone help them complete the online application, such as a trusted family member or friend,” stated Wahl. “Applicants should be cautious of whom they use for assistance as social security numbers and other sensitive information is required by law as part of the application process.”

While applications are being accepted today, the division anticipates registry identification cards will be printed and mailed in December, closer to the date that products are available.

State law requires a nonrefundable \$50 application fee for qualifying patients and designated caregivers.

For questions, please contact the Division of Medical Marijuana at 701.328.1311.

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