ARKANSAS MEDICAL CANNABIS CARD CERTIFICATION PROCESS

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1. REQUIREMENTS

Patients who wish to obtain a medical marijuana card and live in the state of AR must meet the following conditions:

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Be diagnosed with a qualifying medical condition:
 - Cancer
 - Glaucoma
 - Positive status for human immunodeficiency virus/ acquired immune deficiency syndrome
 - Hepatitis C
 - Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
 - Tourette's syndrome
 - Crohn's disease
 - Ulcerative colitis
 - Post-traumatic stress disorder
 - Severe arthritis
 - Fibromyalgia
 - Alzheimer's disease
 - Cachexia or wasting syndrome
 - Peripheral neuropathy

- Intractable pain which is pain that has not responded to ordinary medications, treatment, or surgical measures for more than six (6) months
- Severe nausea
- Seizures including without limitation those characteristic of epilepsy
- Severe and persistent muscle spasms including without limitation those characteristic of multiple sclerosis
- and any other medical condition or its treatment approved by the Department of Health
- Have proof of AR residency. (AR Driver's License or AR State ID card).
- *NOTE:* State law prohibits members of the Arkansas National Guard and the United States Military from obtaining a registry ID card.

2. SCHEDULING

To certify a patient for the <u>Arkansas Medical Marijuana Registry</u>, the provider must establish a bona fide physician-patient relationship with the person they are certifying for medical cannabis. Therefore, at least 2 visits are required.

- 1. The first visit is an initial general consultation of a new patient by telemedicine.
- 2. The second visit is for the in person exam and physician's certification.
- 3. Schedule the patient for both visits at the time of booking.

3. FEES

Medical Cannabis Certification in Arkansas will have the following fee schedule:

- 1. Initial brief consultation (virtual) new patient, 30 minutes, \$99.99, may use insurance
- 2. Medical cannabis certification In-person, 15 minutes, \$150 prepaid via link, *cannot* use insurance for this visit.
- 3. Patients will then pay \$50 by check or money order to the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) when they submit their application.
- 4. Annual renewal visit may be done via telehealth, the cost is \$115 prepaid via link.

4. PROCESS

- <u>INITIAL CONTACT</u>: Patient finds us on the website or contacts office and completes the Arkansas Medical Cannabis Jotform. Joel books <u>TWO APPOINTMENTS</u> for the patient:
 - 1. "NP 30" with Dr. Clifton under the "Main Office" department to discuss the debilitation condition for which they're seeking treatment.
 - 2. "MEDICAL CANNABIS OS 15" with Dr. Clifton under the "Arkansas Office" department.

Joel will collect insurance information and payment. ALL patients will pay \$150 for the certification visit that will be in person, *plus* those without insurance will also pay \$99.99 for the virtual visit.

- Insurance: \$150
- No insurance: \$249.99

AT THE TIME OF BOOKING, MVP will request pertinent records to expedite the certification process.

- FIRST VISIT: On the first visit, the patient will receive a brief general consultation via telemedicine. This visit will be billed separately like a true medical visit. If the patient has insurance, they can use that. If the patient doesn't, they'll have to pay \$99.99 for an "establishment of care" as per our website pricing policy. If a patient is unable to pay at that time, they may receive the link but must show proof of payment prior to the start of the visit.
- 3. Following the initial visit, Michael will COMPLETE PG 3 of the ADH Written Certification Form except for the diagnosis and physician signature, and upload it to the chart under *ADMIN*>*SIGNED FORMS AND LETTERS*>*MARIJUANA EVALUATION*
- 4. <u>SECOND VISIT:</u> At the second visit, the patient will receive counseling on the use of medical marijuana, and the doctor will digitally complete and sign the <u>Physician Written</u> <u>Certification</u> using annotation tools in Athena EMR.

- 5. <u>NEXT STEPS:</u> The patient must apply to the state registry. They may do this via mail or through ADH's online application system. If the patient has a smartphone or tablet available at the second visit, Dr. Clifton will help them upload their certification and complete their online application.
 - 1. Online application users will upload the Written Certification, AR drivers license, payment to the state.
 - 2. As an alternative, a paper application is also available to <u>print out here</u>; It can be mailed in, along with the <u>Written Certification</u>, copy of DL, and check or money order for \$50. The patient can download the completed form from the patient portal if they choose this option.
 - 3. The ADH may call the physician's office to verify the doctor's signature.
- 6. **IMPORTANT**: The physician's certification is **valid for 30 days** from the signature date. If a patient gets a certification form and fails to submit it to ADH within 30 days, they must schedule and pay for another visit to get a new certification form.
- 7. The application is reviewed within 14 working days, and it is either approved or returned to the patient for corrections. If the physician's certification is incomplete, it will be returned to the patient for corrections. If all requirements are met, a registry card will be issued.
- 8. The card will expire based on the date recommended on the physician certification.

5. QUESTIONS

For questions, staff may call:

- ADH at 1-833-214-8619 or 501-682-4982 or <u>email the ADH registry here</u>. Office hours are from 8 am to 4:30 pm CST Monday through Friday.
- Arkansas Medical Board 501-296-1802 (8-4:30 CST M-F)

Arkansas is in Central Standard Time (CST).

JOTFORM FOR AR MC

- 1. What is your name?
- 2. You must be a resident of Arkansas to be certified as a Qualified Patient in the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Registry Program.

What is your address?

Please upload a copy of your driver's license or state ID card here.

3. You must be 18 years of age or older for our doctor to certify you for the program.

What is your date of birth?

4. *NOTE:* State law prohibits members of the Arkansas National Guard and the United States Military from obtaining a registry ID card.

Are you currently serving as a member of the National Guard or U.S. Military?

- YES
- NO
- 5. To be certified in the program, you must be diagnosed with a qualifying medical condition.

Please check the box next to the condition(s) you have been diagnosed with.

- Cancer
- Glaucoma
- Positive status for human immunodeficiency virus/ acquired immune deficiency syndrome
- Hepatitis C
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
- Tourette's syndrome
- Crohn's disease
- Ulcerative colitis
- Post-traumatic stress disorder
- Severe arthritis
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- Severe nausea
- Seizures including without limitation those characteristic of epilepsy

- Severe and persistent muscle spasms including without limitation those characteristic of multiple sclerosis
- 6. Are you disabled?
 - YES
 - NO
- 7. Please provide the name and contact information for the doctor(s) you have consulted that made the diagnosis above, so we can request your records to expedite your certification.

Please read the following important information:

SCHEDULING

To certify a patient for the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Registry, we must establish a bona fide physicianpatient relationship with you. Therefore, at least 2 visits are required.

FEES

Medical Cannabis Certification in Arkansas will have the following fee schedule: Initial brief consultation of new patient, video visit. You may use insurance for this visit.

If you do not have insurance, the fee for the first visit to establish care is \$99.

The second visit, for medical marijuana consultation fee is \$150 and must be prepaid.

After you receive your certification from our office, you will be required to pay \$50 to the Arkansas Department of Health, through the website when you apply, or by check or money order if you are mailing your application.

Your certification is good for up to one year. My Virtual Physician can help you with the annual renewal. This is done via telehealth visit and the fee is \$115.

PROCESS

When you book your visit, MVP will request pertinent records if applicable to expedite the certification process. We will also collect your insurance information and payment.

Your first visit is online, but your second visit must be completed in person at our office. MVP Arkansas Medical Cannabis Certification Program In-Person Visits are located at 1116 S. Walton Blvd., Suite 152, Bentonville, AR 72712 with Dr. Mary Clifton. At your second visit, you will receive counseling on the use of medical marijuana, and your doctor will complete and sign the physician certification form. A copy of the form is made available to you on the MVP Patient Portal which you can download and print for your records.

NEXT STEPS: You must apply to the state registry via mail or through ADH's online application system.

- 1. Online application is preferred; users will upload a copy of the signed form and their AR drivers license, then submit payment to the state. Bring a smartphone or tablet to the visit if you need assistance.
- 2. *A paper application is also available to print out here; It can be mailed in, along with the original Physician Written Certification, copy of DL, and check or money order for \$50.*
- 3. The ADH may call the physician's office to verify the doctor's signature.

IMPORTANT: The physician's certification is **valid for 30 days** from the signature date. If you get a certification form and fail to submit it to ADH within 30 days, you must schedule and pay for another visit to get a new certification form.

The state reviews your application within 14 working days, and may contact us to verify it. When approved, they will notify you via the online portal or through the mail. Your card will be good for up to one year as determined by your doctor.

- 8. Please TYPE YOUR SIGNATURE to confirm that you have read and understand the above instructions.
- 9. Will you be using insurance for your initial consultation?
- YES
- NO

Please note that if your insurance denies the claim for your telemedicine consultation, you should contact our billing office to have the charges adjusted.

Upload a copy of your insurance card here.

10. If you are not providing an insurance card for billing, please complete the \$99.99 payment for booking now.

Link to payment portal here.

Thank you for submitting your booking request. Our scheduling team will contact you within 24 hours, or you may check the status of your request by calling us at 888-224-0804 or text our secure business line at **725-228-8277**.