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Missouri Medical Marijuana Overview



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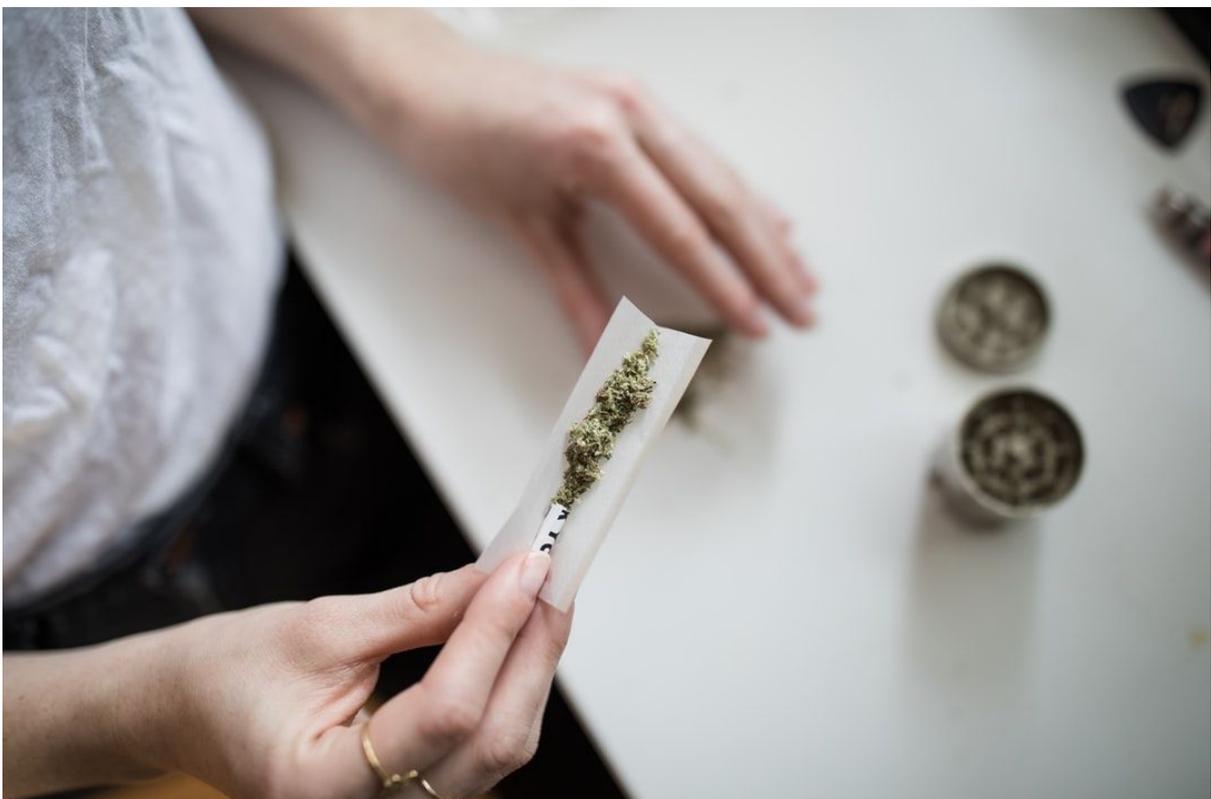
General Definitions

"Dried, unprocessed marijuana or its equivalent" is defined as marijuana flower after it has been cured and trimmed or its equivalent amount of marijuana concentrate or tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). For purposes of purchase and possession limitations, one (1) ounce of dried, unprocessed marijuana is equivalent to eight (8) grams of medical marijuana concentrate or eight hundred (800) milligrams of THC in marijuana edibles.

"Primary Caregivers" means an individual twenty-one (21) years of age or older who has significant responsibility for managing the well-being of a qualifying patient and who is designated as such on the primary caregiver's identification card. Primary Caregivers will be able to possess and administer marijuana to their patients.

"Qualifying Patient" means a Missouri resident diagnosed by a licensed physician with at least one (1) qualifying medical condition.

"Qualified Patient Authorized Cultivator" means a Missouri resident diagnosed with at least one (1) qualifying medical condition and who can cultivate marijuana for themselves.



Purchase and Possession Limits

All medical marijuana purchased from a dispensary must be stored in or near its original packaging. Marijuana purchases are tracked by DHSS to verify limits are not exceeded at the point of sale. DHSS considers a 60-day supply to be eight (8) ounces of dried unprocessed marijuana or its equivalent. DHSS considers a 90-day supply to be twelve (12) ounces of dried unprocessed marijuana or its equivalent.



Qualifying Patients:

Purchase: may only purchase or have purchased, on their behalf by their primary caregivers, four (4) ounces of dried, unprocessed marijuana, or its equivalent, in a 30-day period.



Possess: may possess up to a sixty (60) day supply of dried, unprocessed marijuana or its equivalent if they do not cultivate or have medical marijuana cultivated on their behalf. In the case of qualifying patients who are cultivating marijuana for medical use or whose primary caregivers are cultivating marijuana on their behalf, up to a ninety (90) day supply of dried, unprocessed marijuana or its equivalent, so long as the supply of medical marijuana cultivated by the qualifying patients or primary caregivers remains on property under their control.

Primary Caregiver

A Primary Caregiver may have no more than three (3) Qualifying Patients under their care, and the Primary Caregiver may also be a Qualifying patient.

May possess up to a sixty (60) day supply per qualifying patient under their care.

Equivalent Chart:

1	1oz of marijuana	8g of marijuana concentrate
2	1oz of marijuana	800mg of infused products
3	4oz of marijuana	32g of marijuana concentrate
4	4oz of marijuana	3200mg of infused products
5	8oz of marijuana	64g of marijuana concentrate
6	8oz of marijuana	6400mg of infused products

Identification Cards



Primary Caregiver



Qualified Patient

The Department of Health and Senior Services has begun issuing identification cards for those who are licensed with the Missouri Medical Marijuana Program. These cards will identify patients, which will assist law enforcement in determining how they should proceed during an interaction when someone possesses marijuana. If they are a patient in the program, they will be allowed to possess limited amounts of marijuana or its equivalent. The cards are valid for one year after it is issued.

A Missouri Medical Marijuana Qualified Patient Identification card shall be presented on demand and in conjunction with any government-issued photo identification. The patient identification card may be presented in electronic form (i.e. pdf on cell phone) or hard copy. The appearance of a hard copy form is not regulated so it may be printed on regular paper, card stock, color ink or not, or could be laminated. The validity of an identification card can be checked by calling DHSS or through MULES.

If a person presents a medical marijuana patient card from another state, it will be honored in Missouri, whether or not they are a Missouri resident. If an out of state medical marijuana card is presented, the Missouri possession limits of marijuana apply.

Checking the status of a patient

Article XIV Requires that the DHSS maintain the confidentiality of patient information and allows for the release of information to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of verifying a person who presents a card is a valid card holder. The department has provided access for verification through MULES, and members of the DHSS patient services team continue to provide verification to law enforcement when requested through our call center or by email.

A law enforcement officer may check the status of a patient through these services when the following conditions apply:

1. The law enforcement officer has direct interaction with a person in possession of marijuana: or
2. When the law enforcement officer is presented a card and they are verifying legal possession and validity of a card.

Qualified Cultivator

A qualified patient who does cultivate medical marijuana, or has it cultivated on their behalf, may possess a 90-day supply of medical marijuana, so long as the supply of medical marijuana cultivated remains on property under his control. DHSS considers a 90-day supply to be up to 12 ounces of dried, unprocessed marijuana or its equivalent. Thus, in this case, a person could possess up to 96 grams of concentrates or 9600 milligrams of THC infused products.

If the patient is a cultivator, they are allowed to cultivate up to 6 flowering marijuana plants, 6 non-flowering marijuana plants, and 6 clones, for the exclusive use of that qualifying patient for a total of 18 plants per patient.

All cultivated flowering marijuana plants in the possession of a qualified patient or primary caregiver must be clearly labeled with the qualifying patient's name. They must be kept in an enclosed, locked facility. A cultivation authorization must be clearly displayed in close proximity to the enclosed cultivation facility.

Two qualifying patients may share an enclosed locked facility. In this case, there may be up to 12 flowering plants, 12 non-flowering plants, and 12 clones in a single facility. If one of the qualifying patients is also a primary caregiver for a third qualifying patient, the facility may contain up to 18 flowering plants, 18 non-flowering plants, and 18 clones. Under no circumstance will a qualifying patient be entitled to cultivate, or have cultivated on their behalf, more than 6 flowering plants.

For more information, take the 1 hour online POST approved "Understanding Missouri Medical Marijuana" training course. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code below to be directed to this course.

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