

# Medical Cannabis

(MARIJUANA)



Feel Better...Live Better

## You will be certified at your initial visit.

You will receive a temporary medical cannabis card at your visit. You will then be able to visit a registered dispensing facility of your choice to obtain medical cannabis products. You must have a card to enter the dispensary. Non-certified individuals are not permitted entry. A Registry Identification Card from the State of NY will be mailed to you within 3-10 days.

## Prices vary among Registered Dispensaries.

Patients should contact the Registered Organization directly to obtain final prices, taking into account the dosing recommendations of their physician. Cost depends upon a patient's individual dosing and quantity purchased.

## Approved forms of Medical Cannabis include:

Capsules, tincture, oral spray, powder, and vaporizers.

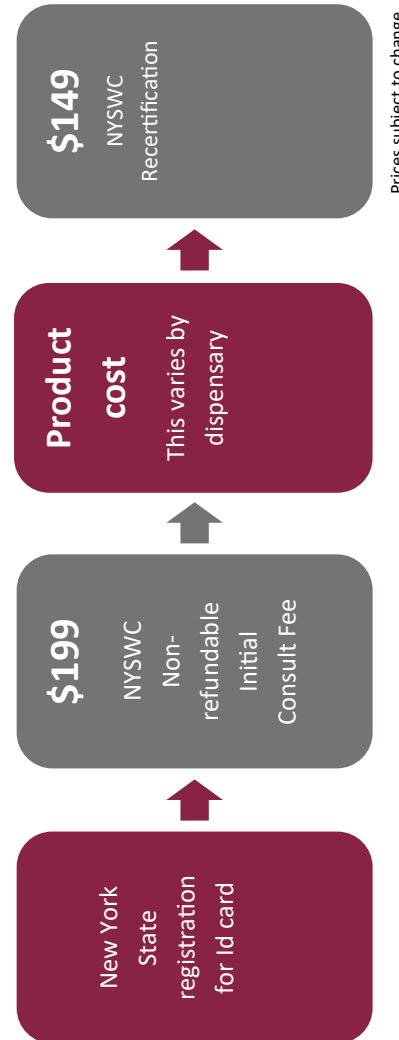
## Annual Recertification

It is your responsibility to contact us to schedule your annual recertification 4-6 weeks prior to certification expiration.

## Questions?

Please visit  
[health.ny.gov/regulations/medical marijuana/](http://health.ny.gov/regulations/medical-marijuana/)  
[www.nyspineandwellness.com](http://www.nyspineandwellness.com)  
 or call  
 315-245-8117

**Camillus  
 East Syracuse  
 North Syracuse**



*It is the policy of NYSWC not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. NYSWC has adopted an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. § 18116).*

# Select New York Spine and Wellness Center providers are now registered with the State of New York to issue eligible patients certification to obtain medical cannabis.

## Am I a candidate for Medical Cannabis?

You are potentially eligible for medical cannabis if you have been diagnosed with:

- ◇ Chronic pain
- ◇ Cancer
- ◇ HIV infection or AIDS
- ◇ Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
- ◇ Parkinson's disease
- ◇ Multiple sclerosis
- ◇ Spinal cord injury with spasticity
- ◇ Epilepsy
- ◇ Inflammatory bowel disease
- ◇ Neuropathy
- ◇ Huntington's disease
- ◇ Post-traumatic stress disorder

The condition must also be accompanied by one or more of the following associated or complicating conditions: cachexia or wasting syndrome, severe or chronic pain, severe nausea, seizures, or severe or persistent muscle spasms, PTSD or opioid use disorder.



## Therapeutic benefits may include:

- ◇ Improved pain relief that may allow for decreased opioid use.
- ◇ Decreased stiffness and muscle spasticity and burning pain related to multiple sclerosis.
- ◇ Increased appetite for AIDS/HIV and cancer patients.
- ◇ Decreased nausea for chemotherapy patients.
- ◇ Decreased pain related to neuropathy.



## How do I become a Candidate?

**Step one:** Talk to your NYSWC provider about whether or not medical cannabis is appropriate for your condition.

### Step two: Pre-screening call

You will receive a prescreening call from a NYSWC staff member within 7 business days of the referral.

- ◇ We will only make 2 attempts to reach you. Please have your voicemail box or answering machine set up and able to accept messages.

### Step three: Payment

- ◇ Your NYSWC account must be in good standing and current.
- ◇ Payment is expected in full prior to scheduling any visit.
- ◇ Cash or credit card **ONLY**
  - \$199 initial first year certification fee
  - \$149 per Medical Cannabis office visit
- ◇ If deemed not a candidate to receive medical cannabis, you will be refunded.



## Step Four: Initial appointment

- ◇ You will be required to read and consent to our Medical Cannabis Agreement prior to your initial visit.
- ◇ Meet with registered provider.
- ◇ If granted certification, you must keep all follow-up appointments to continue your dosing.
- ◇ The Prescription Monitoring Program/ I- STOP of New York State will be consulted prior to certification and monitored regularly thereafter to verify compliance.
- ◇ For certification . you must be a legal resident of New York State.
- ◇ At the initial visit you must bring New York State driver's license, state issued ID card, current military ID, or out-of-state ID with proof of in-state residency such as utility bill, lease, bank statement.  
\*The photo should be an image **with likeness.**
- ◇ **No patient will be certified without presenting a photo ID at the initial appointment. If you do not bring a photo ID, a \$25 rescheduling fee will be collected prior to rescheduling.**



**Stop letting pain run your life.  
Ask your provider if you  
are a candidate.**