

# WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM

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## *Frequently Asked Questions: Additional Information*

### **Who will assist the Bureau for Public Health in making changes to the Medical Cannabis Program?**

The new law creates the Medical Cannabis Advisory Board within the Bureau for Public Health. Members include:

- Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health;
- Superintendent of the West Virginia State Police or a designee;
- Four physicians licensed to practice in the state to be appointed by the State Medical Association with one from each of the following specialized medicine:
  - Family Practice/Neurologist/General Practitioner;
  - Pain Management;
  - Oncologist/Palliative Care; and
  - Psychiatrist.
- A pharmacist licensed to practice in the state, to be designated by the Board of Pharmacy;
- A pharmacologist who has experience in the science of cannabis and a knowledge of the uses, effects, and modes of actions of drugs, to be appointed by the Governor;
- A horticulturalist, to be designated by the West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture;
- A person designated by the West Virginia Association of Alcoholism and Drug Counselors;
- An attorney licensed in the state who is knowledgeable about medical cannabis laws;
- A prosecuting attorney appointed by the West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Institute; and
- A person appointed by the Governor, who shall be a patient, a family or household member of a patient or a patient advocate.

### **What else will the Medical Cannabis Program do for West Virginia?**

The Act provides for funding for research institutions to study the use of medical cannabis to treat other serious conditions not currently defined in the Act. It establishes an advisory committee that will review these research findings and make recommendations to the legislature for changes to the Act. In addition to funding for implementation and research, the Act further provides revenue to the Fight Substance Abuse Fund; the Division of Justice and Community Services, for grants to local law enforcement agencies for training, drug diversion, and other

programs focused on crime and addiction; and a fund to be used for law enforcement professional training and professional development programs.

**Additional questions?**

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