



Do I meet the qualifications to be a medical cannabis patient in Illinois?

- I am an Illinois resident.
- I have been diagnosed with one of the qualifying conditions below.
- I have a physician willing to certify that I have a qualifying condition.
- I am not a firefighter, active duty law enforcement officer, correctional officer or correctional probation officer.
- I do not have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or a bus permit.

Qualifying Conditions

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
Agitation of Alzheimer's Disease
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
Arnold-Chiari Malformation and Syringomyelia
Cachexia / Wasting Syndrome
Cancer
Causalgia
Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy
Crohn's Disease
Complex Regional Pain Syndromes Type I & Type II (CRPS)
Dystonia
Fibromyalgia (severe)
Fibrous Dysplasia
Glaucoma
Hepatitis C
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
Hydrocephalus
Interstitial Cystitis
Lupus
Multiple Sclerosis
Muscular Dystrophy
Myasthenia Gravis
Myoclonus
Nail-patella Syndrome
Neurofibromatosis
Parkinson's Disease
Post-concussion Syndrome
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
Residual Limb Pain
Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)
Seizures, including those characteristic of epilepsy
Sjogren's Syndrome
Spinal cord disease, including, but not limited to, Arachnoiditis,
Tarlov Cysts, Hydromyelia, Syringomyelia
Spinal Cord Injury
Spinocerebellar ataxia (SCA)
Terminal Illness
Tourette's Syndrome
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

Qualifying Conditions

Pending State Approval

Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD)
Chronic Post-Operative Pain
Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)
Intractable Pain
Autism
Migraines
Osteoarthritis



Terminal Illness

Terminally ill applicants with a life expectancy of 6 months or less can apply for free. Their card will be processed quickly in two weeks' time and will be valid for 6mo.

Terminally ill minors may also apply for the same cost as adults with one free caregiver included.

You cannot submit an application online

A physician's form must be signed within 90 days of submitting the application and must be signed in BLUE ink.

Find more information and request an application at: [Bit.ly/Terminal_Illness](https://bit.ly/Terminal_Illness)

Patients Under 18

Application Form: [Bit.ly/IMCPP_Under18_Form](https://bit.ly/IMCPP_Under18_Form)

Patients under 18 that have a qualifying condition can obtain a medical cannabis card for the same fee as an adult.

Each underage patient will be allowed two caregivers. The first caregiver card is free and the second one is \$75.

If both legal guardians have significant decision making abilities, they will be awarded the caregiver cards. If only one legal guardian has significant decision-making responsibilities then a second designated caregiver may be identified.

Caregivers need to get Live Scan Fingerprinting and a passport sized ID photo. The minor themselves does not need either.

Minors are limited to oils, tinctures, edibles and patches. They cannot purchase flower products.

Find more information at: [Bit.ly/MinorQualifyingPatientsInfo](https://bit.ly/MinorQualifyingPatientsInfo)

Veterans

Veterans who receive their health services at a Veterans Administration facility are not required to obtain a physician's written certification

You must submit 12 months of VA records to the Department with the application.

Electronic VA medical records can be found here: www.myhealth.va.gov



1 Physician Certification

Make an appointment with your physician and take in a copy of the physician form.

Your physician will need to complete the Physician Written Certification Form and mail it from their office to the IDPH - Division of Medical Cannabis as the address on the form states.

The certification must be received within 90 days of your portion of the application and show an in person appointment within the last 90 days.

It is generally a good idea to bring along a copy of your medical records to your appointment showing diagnosis or treatment of the qualifying condition.

2 Live Scan Fingerprinting

Fingerprints must be completed within 30 days of your application submission.

The Fingerprint Consent form (a page found in the application form) must be filled out and taken to the fingerprint vendor at the time of fingerprinting. The TCN # needs to be filled in by the fingerprint administrator.

The cost of finger printing is usually around \$60.

Certified Live Scan Fingerprinting locations: IDFPR.com/LicenseLookUp/fingerprintlist.asp

3 Preparation for Submission

You can call and request a paper application if necessary. Call the Medical Cannabis Registry Program at 1-855-636-3688 and request a paper application. If you wish to apply for a one or two year card, as opposed to the standard 3 year online application, the paper version of the application is required.

You should start to gathering and filling out your documents BEFORE you begin the application process.

Application Form: <http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/forms/medicalcannabis-qualifying-patient-application-091916.pdf>

Application Form Instructions: <http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/forms/formsohpm11.23.16medicalcannabis-qualifyingpatientapplicationinstructions.pdf>

You will need:

- Proof of residency
- Proof of identity
- Passport photograph - 2" x 2" photo (Minimum size of 600 x 600 pixels)
- Fingerprint consent form (found with the application forms)
- Choose a dispensary in your area.
- Any caregiver who will need a card to assist you in obtaining products from the dispensary should also apply. Application Form: Bit.ly/CareGiverApplication

Have all of these forms ready when you start your application. For online applications, you will need to have scanned digital files for submission.



4 Additional Documents

If you are on SSI or SSDI you will need to submit a "Benefit Verification Letter" from the Social Security Administration that states your address and type of benefits that are received.

The letter must be dated within the last year.

Go to SSA.gov/myaccount/ to get the letter through your Social Security account.

5 Application Submission

To apply for a 3 year card create an account MedicalCannabisPatients.Illinois.gov

You can submit your information, forms and necessary paperwork through this account.

Keep your answers short and simple.

Fill in all required fields.

Be sure to submit your whole application at the same time with all of the necessary paperwork. This will speed up the process of approval.

Fees will be paid online at this point.

6 Fees

For veterans and those on SSI, SSDI	\$125	- 3 year registry card
Standard qualifying patient	\$250	- 3 year registry card
Standard qualifying patient	\$200	- 2 year registry card
Standard qualifying patient	\$100	- 1 year registry card
Designated caregiver	\$75	- 3 year registry card
Designated caregiver	\$50	- 2 year registry card
Designated caregiver	\$25	- 1 year registry card

7 Approval Process

After all documents have been submitted, you will usually receive your card within 30-45 days.

You can check on the status of your application AFTER THE 30 DAY WINDOW by emailing IDPH at DPH.medicalcannabis@illinois.gov