

## Is Medical Marijuana Legal in Arkansas?

In 2017, Yes. Qualified patients, individuals with a signed physician's statement that prescribes marijuana, must apply for a registry identification card from the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) to procure medical marijuana from a dispensary. There is a \$50.00 application fee, payable by cash or credit card, and you must have a driver's license or identification card to prove your identity. A registry card lasts for one (1) year.

Registry cards are also administered for designated caregivers who pay the afore-mentioned application fee; provide a statement that indicates marijuana will not be dispersed to unqualified individuals; furnish the name and address of the qualifying patient receiving care; and pay for a criminal background check. Attach the background check results to the application. Felonies that are 10 years or older do not prevent an individual from registering as a caregiver.

Thirty days (30) prior to the expiration of the registry card, the qualified patient and the caregiver can complete a renewal application.

The ADH is required to maintain a database for dispensaries to verify the amount dispensed to card holders. ADH will have other responsibilities, including regulating labeling and testing standards, establishing reasonable fees, considering public petitions to add additional medical conditions to the list of qualifying conditions, and submitting annual reports to the Legislature.

Once the registry cards are available, then the ADH website will be updated. Go [here](#) for more information.

For additional information look at the proposed [rules and regulations](#) set forth by the state of Arkansas on [March 10, 2017](#).

For questions and concerns contact [ADHquestions@arkansas.gov](mailto:ADHquestions@arkansas.gov) or call 501-661-2367.

Direct questions regarding cultivation and dispensary information to the [Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration](#). Call the office at 501-682-2242.

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