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**MEDICAL MARIJUANA INFORMATION BULLETIN 2021-06**

**Subject:** Race, Ethnicity, Language, and Disability (REALD) Questionnaire

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Beginning in October 2021, the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) will take part in the Oregon Health Authority's efforts to collect demographic information from our participants in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rules 943-070-0000 through 943-070-0070.

REALD is an effort to increase and standardize the data collection categories of race, ethnicity, language, and disability across Oregon Health Authority. This data will help us better understand the different populations we work with and serve. The information collected will be used for statistical reporting and research purposes only. Names, dates of birth and other personal information are not used for reporting and research.

While this questionnaire is not required, we hope that you will take just a few minutes to complete and return the form when you apply or renew with OMMP. Participation will not impact or delay your registration with OMMP. Sharing your REALD data will not affect any benefits you receive from the state such as SNAP or Oregon Health Plan. The information you share is strictly confidential and will be treated as a confidential public health record.

OMMP will begin sending out the REALD questionnaire starting in October 2021. The survey will be incorporated into the OMMP online application soon.

If you are interested in learning more about REALD, you may visit Oregon Health Authority's REALD website at: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/OEI/Pages/REALD.aspx>