
Oregon Public Health Orientation

Oregon Medical Marijuana Program

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Oregon Medical Marijuana Program

The purpose of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) is to implement and administer provisions of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act (OMMA) that ensure Oregonians suffering from debilitating medical conditions have safe and well-regulated access to medical marijuana as a therapeutic treatment for those conditions. ORS 475B.785 through ORS 475B.949 are known as the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act.

OHA Regulation of Marijuana

- Establishing effective registration, compliance and enforcement for dispensaries, growers and processors
- Providing compassionate and responsible access to medical marijuana products
- Defining robust and comprehensive laboratory accreditation and testing standards

State Regulatory Oversight

- Oregon Health Authority (OHA) - medical growers, processors, dispensaries, patient cardholders; concentration; laboratory accreditation; prevention and education; research task force; clinical guidelines; early start retail sales; consults on retail
- Oregon Liquor Control (OLCC) - retail production, processing, and sales (began Fall 2016); label packaging pre-approval; laboratory licensing; advertising restrictions
- Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) - consults on food products (edibles); inspects processor kitchens, dispensary food handlers; consults on pesticide regulation

Connecting to Public Health Modernization

- Foundational Capability:
 - Assessment and Epidemiology
 - Can determine who has access
 - Assisting Counties that have banned/not with info.
 - Data Informs
 - Minors
 - Conditions
 - Age
 - Residency
 - Informs Stakeholders
 - Fee type data
 - Equity
 - Reduced fees for low SES population

Connecting to Public Health Modernization

- Foundational Capability:
 - Emergency Preparedness and Response
 - Public Health Emergency
 - Pesticide tainted product
 - Diversion/Prevention
 - Access to minors
 - Program Outreach to Affected Community
 - Can't get product
 - Can't get cards

Health Equity

- Offer Reduced Fees to applicants
 - OHP, SNAP, Veterans, SSI
- Legislature established the Oregon Cannabis Commission
 - Tasked with ensuring patients have affordable access
 - Research
 - Oversight
- Legislation has reduced barriers for veterans
- Created an online application system for patients

- Hold all staff meetings with a focus on disparity, health equity and cultural competency

Implement Oregon's medical marijuana laws to protect public health

- Protect children and vulnerable populations from marijuana exposure
- Educate the public about issues related to marijuana use
- Understand and minimize the public health impacts of retail marijuana products
- Support research of medical properties of marijuana
- Support the development of clinical guidelines for the use of marijuana
- Effectively regulate medical marijuana

Protect Public Health -Laboratory Testing

All product types and usable marijuana must have lab testing:

- Concentration of THC and CBD
 - Pesticides
 - Chemical Solvents
 - Microbiological (as requested)
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- OHA (ORELAP) accredits labs that do product testing and sampling
 - OLCC licenses laboratories
 - Costs, complexity and sampling process are issues to consider

Protect Public Health - Warning Labels

- “For use only by adults 21 and older. Keep out of reach of children.”
- medical grade if applicable
- “This product not approved by FDA to treat, cure, or prevent any disease”
- “It is illegal to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana.

