

Act 65: Recommendations of Changes to Vermont's Medical Cannabis Program

Act 65 tasked the Cannabis Control Board, in consultation with the Vermont Academic Detailing Program, Registry patients and caregivers, licensed medical cannabis dispensaries, and medical professional stakeholders, to make recommendations about the program, including:

- (1) an assessment of the illnesses or symptoms most appropriately treated by cannabis.
- (2) the strains of cannabis recommended for such treatment.
- (3) the doses of active chemicals recommended for treatment.
- (4) appropriate treatment protocols for patients, including whether ongoing medical oversight such as counseling or other services is needed for each condition being treated.
- (5) how the use of cannabis is communicated to patients and patients' providers; and
- (6) any other issues that will improve the Registry.

This group met four times over the summer and fall, to discuss the program- meetings were open to the public. Now the CCB will report to the legislature in January with the conclusions reached by the Study Committee. Below are the recommendations that will be reported:

Create a medical endorsement for adult-use retail establishments that would allow patients to utilize them tax free

- Endorsement would require retail establishments create plans for:
 - protecting patient confidentiality (curbside pick-up, designated hours, reservation system, separate entrance, delivery, etc.)
 - protecting patient health information
 - accessing specialty products
 - providing individual consultations / education to patients about using cannabis and cannabis products

Improve access to medical products and services

- Remove THC caps
- Create delivery license
- Lower dispensary fees

Non-legislative

- Improve new patient intake process
- Adopt adult-use testing requirements for medical cannabis

Your questions, comments and feedback are important to us so please reach out and share your thoughts. Submit by email to CCB.Med@vermont.gov with the subject line STAKEHOLDER RECOMMENDATIONS we will collect these comments and share them with the board. You can also reach us by phone at 802-828-1010 ext. 2.