



## GET RELIEF

Find out if you qualify for a Medical Cannabis card

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**Alderman Oaks Residents,  
Family Members, and Friends —  
Schedule an Appointment to Get  
Your Medical Marijuana Card**

**Saturday, November 7, 2020  
9:30 AM to 2:00 PM  
(30-Minute Appointments)**

### IMPORTANT FAQs

#### What to Bring to Appointment

- ❑ Credit or Debit Card to Cover \$77.75 State Fee for Card
- ❑ Copy of Most Recent Visit(s) (Within the Last 6 Months) from Physician(s) Treating You for Your Qualifying Medical Condition(s)
- ❑ Payment for Your Initial Visit Either by Cash or Credit/Debit Card (\$225)
- ❑ A Photo ID (Driver's License Preferred) and Two Documents from the Proof of Residency List (Only if You are Not a Permanent Resident of Florida) which Shows Your Name and the Florida Address Under Which You will be Filing for Your Compassionate Use Card
- ❑ Follow-Up Visits are Required by the Florida Department of Health Every 30 Weeks (\$175 Fee).
- ❑ Receipt of Your Temporary Card Via Email from the Department of Health May Take up to 3 Weeks

### MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROFESSIONALS



**Steven Reichbach, MD**  
Certified Medical Cannabis  
Physician



**Lolita Borges, RN**  
Clinical Director

**Our goal is to Complete Your Application During the Estimated 30-Minute Appointment and Provide You with an Identification Number Before You Leave. Of course, Key to this Process will be Your Having all the Key Information and Details in Place.**

**Appointment Times Are Limited!**

**Call Shirin at (941) 955-9099 for More  
Details and Instructions to Prepare for  
and Schedule Your Appointment.**



#### **A BRIEF HISTORY OF CANNABIS**

- Has been used for over 4000 years
- Used by many cultures and religions for medicinal purposes
- In the US in 1940's called "Reefer Madness" and classified as Schedule 1
- Schedule 1 meant no medicinal value and highly addictive
- Difficult to conduct studies and research
- First medicinal use 1976 for treatment of Glaucoma
- January 2016, Amendment 2 passed in Florida allowing for treatment of illnesses

#### **ISSUES/OBSTACLES TO CANNABIS USE**

- Federally, Cannabis is still considered Schedule 1 despite many attempts to change it to Schedule 2
- Cannot travel outside of issuing State with it
- No reciprocity between States that allow for cannabis use
- Employment regulations still an issue regarding job site testing
- Pain practices who refuse to continue to treat patients using cannabis
- Not covered by any insurance
- Due to history, still taboo in public opinion
- Can be cost prohibitive to clients on fixed incomes
- Lack of information about benefits among the medical community

#### **BENEFITS OF USING MEDICAL CANNABIS**

- Can be very effective in treating a wide variety of conditions
- Natural alternative to many pharmaceutical medications
- Works with body's own endocannabinoid system
- Less overall side effects
- Many different routes of administration
- Can be used daytime and nighttime in different forms to treat conditions and maintain alertness
- Allows for possibility of decreasing use of more harmful or addictive medications
- Has shown high success in treating insomnia and chronic pain
- Average age of patients is about 60 years old

#### **WHO QUALIFIES FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS?**

Conditions: Cancer, Crohn's Disease, Glaucoma, HIV/AIDS, MS, Epilepsy, PTSD, ALS, Parkinson's Disease, Chronic nonmalignant Pain arising from one of above conditions, Any terminal condition with greater than 1 year survival, Any condition of similar type or class of conditions above

Additional Conditions: When deemed by the Qualifying physician and documented by relevant supporting studies, many of the following conditions also can be treated: Anxiety, Depression, Insomnia, Arthritic Pain, Chronic Post Surgical Pain, IBS, OCD, Back Pain, Migraines, Fibromyalgia, Autism, Ehler's Danlos Syndrome, Auto Immune Diseases, Neuropathy, Alzheimer's and many others

#### **CARD APPLICATION**

- Must be State resident or reside in State for more than 31 consecutive days
- Proof of Residency includes Driver's License, or Utility Bill (water, gas, electric within last 60 days)
- Passport sized photo if not state resident
- Fee (\$75 plus \$2.75 fee) payable to the State by credit card
- Must have qualifying physician do initial evaluation with verifiable medical records stating condition

#### **WHAT COMES NEXT?**

- Once a patient has been deemed qualified to obtain a Medical cannabis card, a recommendation is placed by the qualifying physician into the State database
- Once the application has been approved by the State, patients are directed to a dispensary to purchase their cannabis products
- There are 13 different dispensary companies throughout the State operating 34 dispensaries