



# Medical Marijuana Identification Card Program (MMICP) in Alameda County

Effective August 1, 2006, the Medical Marijuana Identification Card Program (MMICP) will go into effect in Alameda County. MMICP, established by the State of California following the passage of SB 420, enables counties to administer a voluntary card registration program that identifies medical marijuana patients.

Patients can use the identification card as evidence that they have received a recommendation from their physician to use marijuana for medicinal purposes. However, SB 420 does not protect patients from Federal prosecution for possession of marijuana.

**Patient Eligibility:** In order to be eligible for Alameda County's Medical Marijuana Identification Card Program, a person must:

- be a resident of Alameda County
- be 18 years or older, or if under 18, provide written proof of emancipation or approval from the minor's parent or legal guardian
- have a serious medical condition, including AIDS, anorexia, cancer, chronic pain, glaucoma, migraine, seizures, severe nausea, or a chronic medical condition that substantially limits the ability to conduct one or more major life activities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990



Eligible persons must have a recommendation from a physician indicating that medical marijuana is appropriate for their condition, or be a caregiver of a patient that has the conditions cited above.

## To apply for a Medical Marijuana Identification Card contact:

Alameda County  
Public Health Department  
1000 Broadway, Suite 310 -  
Oakland, CA 94607  
(510) 268-2977  
By appointment only.

**Hours:** Monday-Friday  
9 a.m. - noon and  
1 to 4 p.m.

**Application Process:** Alameda County Public Health Department processes medical marijuana identification cards for Alameda County residents. Patients must provide the following information to apply for a Medical Marijuana Identification Card:

- Completed application
- Recommendation from their physician stating that the patient has a serious medical condition and that medical use of marijuana would be appropriate
- Government-issued photo ID
- Phone or utility bill that includes a current Alameda County address
- \$103 fee. Applicants on MediCal will be charged \$51.50.

Once the application is completed, a photo of the applicant will be taken and the physician's office will be contacted to verify the medical condition information provided. After all information is verified, the Medical Marijuana Identification Card will be issued to the patient.

**Applications are available online:**

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MMP/Pages/default.aspx>

or at the Alameda County Public Health Department

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