



MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM APPLICATION/RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS

Who may apply?

The MMIC program is voluntary. Any resident of Shasta County whose physician recommends the use of marijuana for one or more serious medical conditions may apply. It is the applicant's (patient's) option to designate a primary caregiver and apply for a caregiver identification card.

Where are applications available and submitted?

Applicants must apply within their county of residence.

Applications are available at Shasta County Health & Human Services Agency, located at 2615 Breslauer Way (Cottage 5), Redding, or by phoning the Shasta County Medical Marijuana Identification Card (MMIC) program at **(530)225-3689**

Completed applications are accepted by appointment only and must be submitted in person by the applicant. Call **(530)225-3689** for an appointment.

Who must be present during the application process?

At time of application submission, the applicant must be present. If a primary caregiver card is being requested, the primary caregiver must also be present.

If applicant is under the age of 18 and is NOT an emancipated minor, a parent or legal guardian must be present. If applicant is unable to make his/her own medical decisions, the representative with legal authority applying on the applicant's behalf must be present.

How much does a card cost?

The non-refundable processing fee for each MMIC requested is **\$100.00**. If the applicant is a Medi-Cal beneficiary at time of application acceptance, the fee will be reduced to **\$50.00** per MMIC requested. If you are a CMSP beneficiary, there is no cost. **You must bring a copy of your Medi-Cal/Covered California or CMSP card with you.**

All fees are due at time of application submission. **Fees must be paid with cash.** Personal checks will not be accepted. **You must have correct change**, as we are unable to make change.

How long does it take to receive a card and how long is it good for?

All granted identification cards will be available to applicants within 30 days of the date of application acceptance. Identification cards can be picked up in person by the applicant, or upon request, they may be mailed.

All identification cards are good for 1 year from the date that application is approved. Upon MMIC expiration, the applicant may reapply for a new card.

What if an application is denied?

Applicants will be notified by mail when their application is denied. If an application is denied, the applicant is restricted from reapplying for 6 months from date of application denial. The applicant has 30 days from the date of denial to file an appeal with the California Department of Health Services. Appeal applications are available at Shasta County Health & Human Services Agency and must be picked up in person by the applicant.

INSTRUCTIONS:

All applicants must provide the following to Shasta County Health & Human Services Agency in order to have an application for a patient and/or caregiver MMIC processed:

1. A completed *Application/Renewal* form (DHS 9042).
2. Physician recommendation, or *Written Documentation of Patient's Medical Records* CDPH 9044, completed by applicant's physician or physician's staff. Verification will be done.
3. Government-issued photo identification (such as a driver's license, photo ID card, military ID card). If applicant is under the age of 18 and lacks photo identification, a certified copy of birth certificate may be substituted. If application designates a primary caregiver, primary caregiver must also provide government-issued photo identification. A primary caregiver may only use a certified birth certificate if they are under the age of 18 and serving as a primary caregiver for their own child.
4. Proof of residency in Shasta County as evidenced by one of the following items, which must clearly state address:
 - A current rent/mortgage receipt or current utility bill in applicant's name
 - A current DMV registration in applicant's name
 - A California Driver's License or Identification Card issued by the DMV. If address listed is not current, applicant may submit a DMV-issued Change of Address Certification Card (DL 43) listing applicant's current address.

If applicant is under the age of 18 and does not have evidence of residency, they must provide evidence belonging to their parent or legal guardian.

5. Proof of emancipation if applicant is an emancipated minor.
6. Proof of legal authority if applicant is unable to make his/her own medical decisions and has representation as a result.

Additional information on the Medical Marijuana Program is available at the California Department of Health Services website at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHSI/Pages/Medial-Marijuana-Identification-Card.aspx>