

Medical Marijuana is good for your neighborhood: Alleviating fears and misconceptions about the PA Medical Marijuana Program

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Which statement about PA's Medical Marijuana Program is true?

- A. PA's Medical Marijuana program allows it to be smoked.
- B. PA's Medical Marijuana program allows children to use it.
- C. PA's Medical Marijuana program allows the retail sale of seeds and plants.
- D. PA Medical Marijuana dispensaries will provide home delivery.

Providing patients with access to medicine...

- Lobby for medical marijuana in PA:
 - Parents of children with debilitating conditions.

CBD and THC content of Medical Marijuana.

Cannabidiol (CBD) – Non-psychoactive – calming, relaxing, pain relief. Epilepsy, seizures, autism

Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) – Psychoactive – high, hunger, treat nausea symptoms. Cancer (effects of chemotherapy), Chronic stomach or intestinal diseases

Synthetic drugs – Marinol, Dronabinol

The 17 diseases

- Cancer
- HIV/AIDS
- ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)
- Parkinson's Disease
- Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
- Intractable spasticity
- Epilepsy
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Neuropathies
- Huntington's Disease
- Crohn's Disease
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Intractable Seizures
- Glaucoma
- Sickle Cell Anemia
- Intractable Pain
- Autism

But you still can't smoke it in Pennsylvania.....

Allowed Forms of Medical Marijuana in PA:

- Pill
- Oil
- Gel, Creams, Ointment
- Tincture
- Liquid
- A form that can be vaporized or nebulized, excluding dry leaf.
([medical marijuana inhaler or nebulizer](#))
 - No dry leaf, seeds or plants can be dispensed.
 - No gummy bears....
 - Unlawful for grower/processor or dispensary to process into edible form.
 - Patient or caregiver can process into edible form.
 - [Medical Marijuana cookbook](#)

Which statement about Medical Marijuana is true?

- A. It kills cancer cells.
- B. It will cure MS.
- C. It will stop seizures.
- D. None of the above.

Basic features of the program:

- Licensing of grower/processors and dispensaries.
- Security, Security, Security
- Patient certification.
- Caregiver certification.
- Doctor training.
- Medical professionals required in dispensaries.
- Laboratories to monitor quality.
- Clinical Research centers to test effectiveness.

Types of Medical Marijuana facilities

Your municipality is likely to get zoning/planning applications for these:

- Grower/Processor
- Dispensary

Your municipality is not likely to get zoning/planning applications for these:

- Academic Clinical Research Facility.
 - Thomas Jefferson University Hospital – Lambert Center for the Study of Medicinal Cannabis and Hemp.
 - <http://www.jefferson.edu/university/emerging-health-professions/lambert-center.html>
- Laboratories.
- Medical Marijuana truck storage facilities. (vans, armored vehicles)

What does PA Medical Marijuana law say about zoning for Grower/Processor?

- “A Grower/Processor shall meet the same municipal zoning and land use requirements as other manufacturing, processing and production facilities that are located in the same district.””

What does PA Medical Marijuana law say about zoning for dispensaries?

- “A Dispensary shall meet the same municipal zoning and land use requirements as other commercial facilities that are located in the same zoning district.”

What is recommended to regulate Medical Marijuana

- Don't regulate it.
- Allow Grower/Processors in industrial zones (pharmaceutical manufacturing).
- Allow dispensaries in same zones as retail store commercial use (retail pharmacy).
 - Don't create a special zoning amendment.
 - Your local medical marijuana regulation could prevent a patient with ALS, in a wheel chair, from obtaining their medicine.
 - Legal consequences, maybe.

- State enforces these, municipalities should not:
 - The 1000 foot rule – Dispensaries may not be located within 1000 feet of a school or day care center.
 - Security – Already more than you can possibly imagine. For example seed-to-sale tracking system.
 - Inspections – Except regular building and code inspections. State performs other inspections.
 - Transportation – Local officials should be aware of legality of possession and transportation of medical marijuana by employees, patients and caregivers.

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Embrace the economic development potential and learn to work with the Medical Marijuana Industry

- They understand that their facilities will have an impact.
- Willing to work with the community and have a positive impact.
(and they have cash.)
- Care about the impact of their industry on the environment.
- Willing to reuse vacant, older and under-used buildings.
- There is diversity in ownership and hiring practices.
- People in the industry are generally fun to be around.

It helps to have connections in the business...



Potential Industrial Revitalization – Grower/Processor



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Potential Commercial Revitalization - Dispensary




A little bit about Industrial Hemp...

- Also now legal in Pennsylvania.
- For More than just making rope:
 - Cars
 - Electronics
 - Paving roads
 - Biofuel
 - Building materials
 - Food, nutrition
 - Etc.....

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