

Medical Cannabidiol Act Registration Card Program

Iowa Department of Public Health
Iowa Department of Transportation

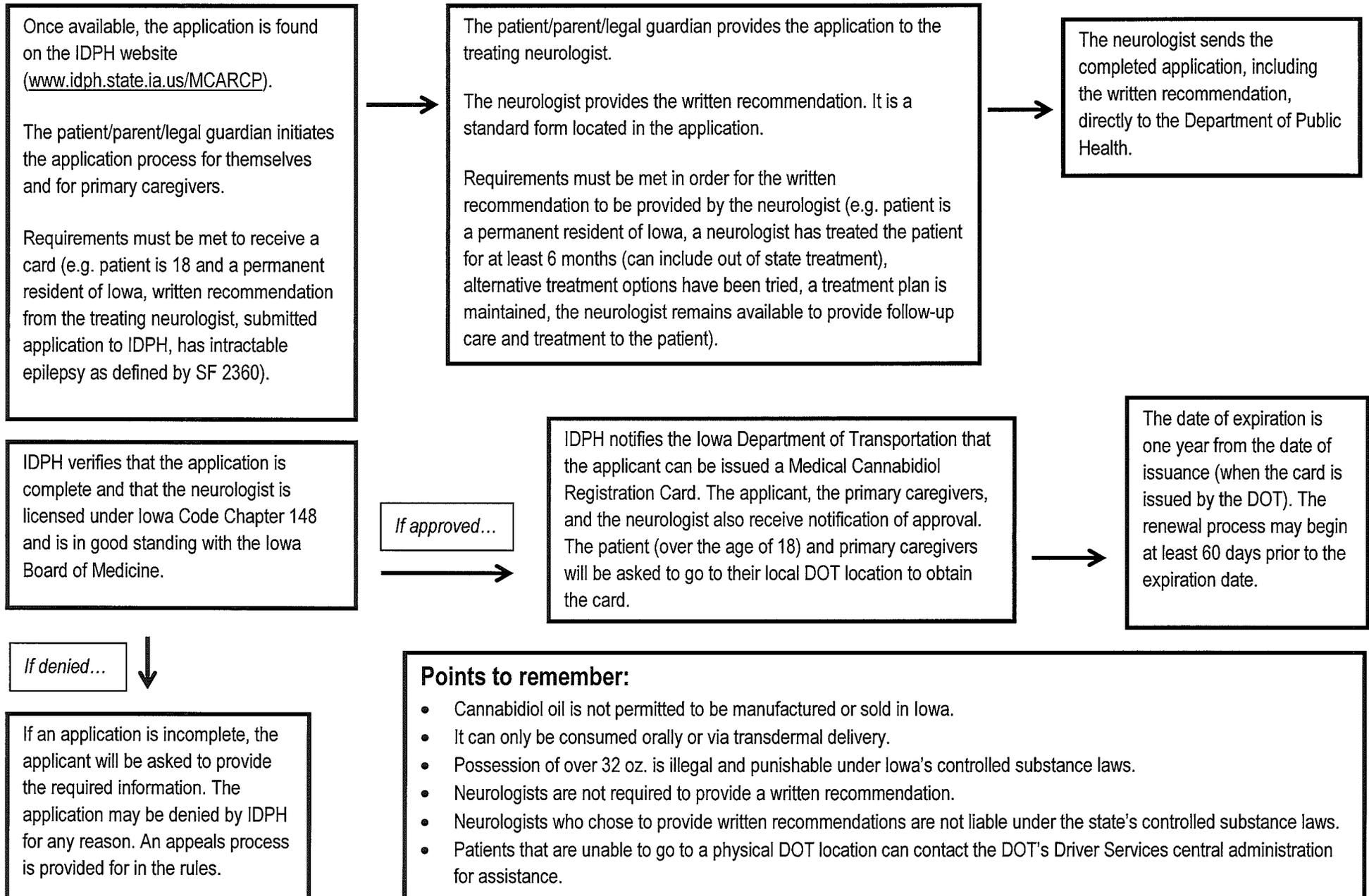
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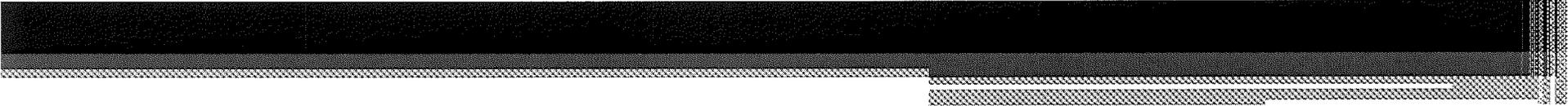


Discussion Points

- Brief overview of the process.
- Promulgation of administrative rules.
- Timeline for implementation.
- Additional program activities.
- Suggested points to review in the law.
- Questions and answers.

Medical Cannabidiol Act Registration Card Program Application and Issuance Process



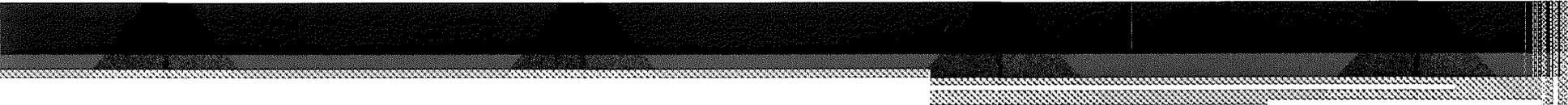


Administrative Rules: Rules of Thumb

- Reflect the language in SF 2360 as much as possible.
 - Written narrowly.
- Limit interference in the doctor/patient relationship.
- Collaboration with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT).
- Collaboration with key stakeholders.

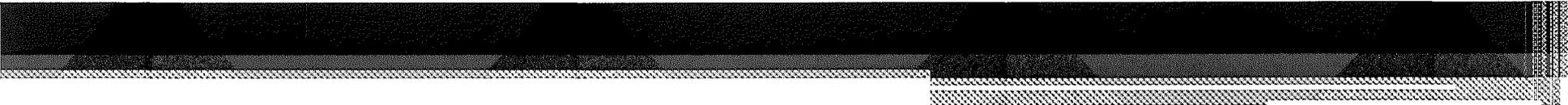
Admin. Rules: Stakeholder Engagement

- Several meetings with IDOT.
- Two interagency meetings:
 - Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy
 - Department of Public Safety
 - Iowa Board of Pharmacy
 - IDOT
 - IDPH's Assistant Attorney General
- Board of Medicine, legislators and staff via email
- Provider meetings:
 - Iowa Medical Society
 - Blank Children's Hospital
 - Iowa Neurological Association
- Families
- Iowa Epilepsy Foundation and staff from their national organization



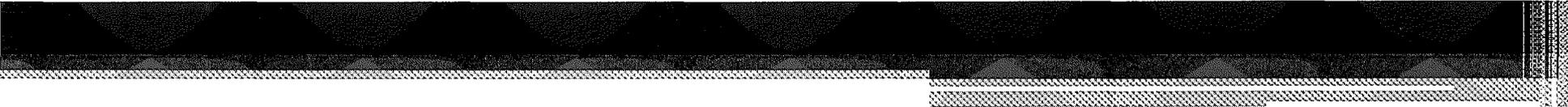
Admin. Rules: Public Comments

- 41 written/oral comments from 31 individuals.
- Majority of comments addressed SF 2360.
- Ten of the comments addressed the rules.
- Highlights of changes made:
 - A revised definition of “permanent resident.”
 - Included an additional option for persons unable to provide a driver’s license or non-operator’s ID due to ineligibility.



Timeframe for Implementation

- Administrative rules:
 - Effective date is January 30, 2015.
- Once the DOT can issue registration cards the application process will begin.
 - Applications will be posted online.



Additional Program Activities

- Web page development:

<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/MCARCP/>

- Informational letter to licensed neurologists.
- Development of the application and written recommendation form.

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Quick Links

[Senate File 2360 - Medical Cannabidiol Act](#)

Welcome to the Medical Cannabidiol Act Registration Card Program website.

Iowa enacted the Medical Cannabidiol Act on July 1, 2014. The Act provides that a person may recommend, possess, use, dispense, deliver, transport, or administer cannabidiol if the recommendation, possession, use, dispensing, delivery, transporting, or administering is in accordance with chapter 124D of the Iowa Code.

What is the Medical Cannabidiol Act?

Effective July 1, 2014, [Senate File 2360](#) established Iowa Code chapter 124D, the Medical Cannabidiol Act, allowing for use of cannabidiol to treat intractable epilepsy. Cannabidiol is a nonpsychoactive cannabinoid found in the plant *Cannabis sativa L.* or *Cannabis indica*. The law allows patients to possess and use (but not to manufacture or sell) cannabidiol. The law also allows designated primary caregivers to possess cannabidiol on behalf of certain patients. Possession and use of cannabidiol requires the recommendation of a neurologist.

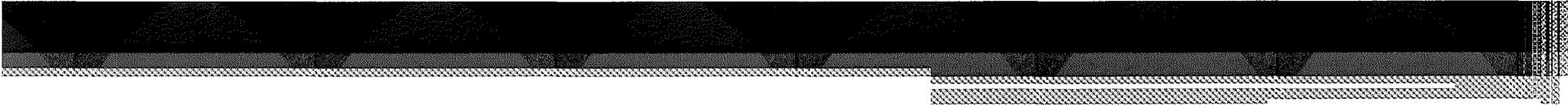
The Medical Cannabidiol Act directed the Iowa Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Transportation, to establish a process to approve and generate Cannabidiol Registration Cards for patients and their primary caregivers. Cannabidiol Registration Cards provide documentation that patients and primary caregivers have met the requirements of the Medical Cannabidiol Act Registration Card Program and are authorized to legally possess medically-necessary cannabidiol.

The Medical Cannabidiol Act allows oral or transdermal administration of cannabidiol oil containing no more than 3% tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). A patient may possess no more than 32 ounces of cannabidiol oil and primary caregivers may possess no more than 32 ounces of any cannabidiol oil for each patient.

Publication of Proposed Administrative Rules

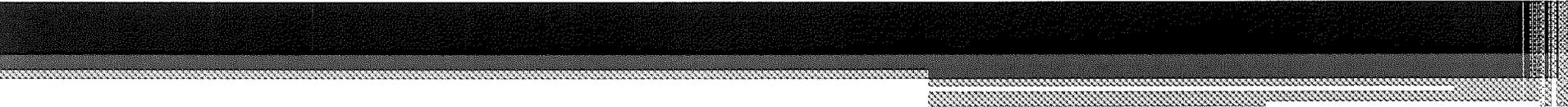
[The proposed administrative rules for the Medical Cannabidiol Act Registration Card Program](#) have been published in the August 6, 2014 Administrative Rules Bulletin.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed rules on or before August 26, 2014. Such written comments should be directed to Deborah Thompson, Iowa Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075. Comments may be sent by fax to (515) 281-4958 or by e-mail to [deborah.thompson@iowa.gov](#).



Suggested Points to Review in the Law

- Primary caregiver turnover and the ease of card issuance process.
- Potential duplication of treatment efforts by Iowa and out of state neurologists.
- Authorization of a fee structure to cover associated costs.



Questions and Resources

- Questions on administrative rules:

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- Questions on the program (e.g. application process):

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- Medical Cannabidiol Act Registration Card Program website:

- <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/MCARCP/>



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