RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Recommend designating the Health Department as Administering Agency for the California Medical Marijuana Identification Card program in Mariposa County. Authorize the Health Officer to submit required documents to the State to implement the Medical Marijuana Identification Card program and apply for a computer password. Resolution authorizing the fee of $213.00 for processing and issuing a Medical Marijuana Identification card.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

See attached memo and documents.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Mariposa County will not be in compliance with the State law.

Financial Impact? (X) Yes ( ) No Current FY Cost: $ ??? Annual Recurring Cost: $ 0
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes (X) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $ 
Additional Funding Needed: $213 per applicant

List Attachments, number pages consecutively

Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue
Transfer Between Funds
Contingency
( ) General (X) Other

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We Compassionate Act 1996
MHIC program in House Co Brochure
Draft Confidential patient registration form
Sample ID card
Fees to cover costs

Revised Dec. 2002
January 15, 2010

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors

FROM: Charles B. Mosher, MD, MPH, Health Officer

SUBJECT: Medical Marijuana Identification Card Program

Lawsuits by Counties (including San Diego), which had thrown the implementation of this program into question, have now been resolved. Proposition 215 and, subsequently, S.B. 420 are codified as H & S Code 11362.5 and 11362.7 et seq.

Some of the points of the law are as follows:

- Obtaining an ID card is voluntary, not mandatory.
- Applicants must be County residents.
- Both the patient and a “primary caregiver” may apply for the ID cards.
- The ID card is produced by the State, after the County Health Department verifies information and processes the application.
- The County may charge a fee for this service.
- Cards must be renewed annually.
- Health Department may refuse to issue an ID card for the following:
  - Applicant does not provide all information required.
  - Health Department determines that the information provided was false.
The law specifically mentions eight ounces of dry marijuana or six mature or 12 immature plants per patient. However, it also allows larger amounts at physician’s direction.

Lawsuits against Counties have also been brought, to force implementation of the law. At this point, all California Counties except Colusa, Sutter, and Mariposa have implemented the I.D. card program. The Health Officer recommends implementation to bring the County into compliance.

The intent of this program is to issue ID cards to those who are using marijuana for legitimate medical issues under a physician’s direction. Medical research is limited due to marijuana being categorized as an illegal drug, but what research does exist has suggested that marijuana can be useful in the following conditions:

- Nausea from Cancer chemotherapy
- Appetite loss from AIDS and Cancer
- Spasticity
- Certain neurological conditions
- Some kinds of chronic pain
- Glaucoma

The law lists these and several more diagnosis as “serious medical conditions”.

The Health Officer has discussed implementation of the M.M.I.C. program with the Sheriff, the D.A., and County Counsel. It is our opinion that the ID card program will make the Sheriff’s job easier when dealing with people who claim that they possess marijuana for legitimate medical reasons.

Once the Board designates the Health Department as the administering agency, the Health Department will file required documents with the State to obtain access to the State’s web-based database and will implement procedures for ID card issuance. A draft outline of this process is attached, as is a copy of the applicable section of law, and other relevant documents.

A fee for this process has been calculated, based on physician and nurse time. The fee recommended is $213.00. By law, if the applicant has Medi-Cal, the County must charge 50% of this fee.

Experience in other small Counties suggests that the number of applicants will probably be small.

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Encl
§11362.5.
(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the Compassionate Use Act of 1996.

(b) (1) The people of the State of California hereby find and declare that the purposes of the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 are as follows:

(A) To ensure that seriously ill Californians have the right to obtain and use marijuana for medical purposes where that medical use is deemed appropriate and has been recommended by a physician who has determined that the person's health would benefit from the use of marijuana in the treatment of cancer, anorexia, AIDS, chronic pain, spasticity, glaucoma, arthritis, migraine, or any other illness for which marijuana provides relief.
(B) To ensure that patients and their primary caregivers who obtain and use marijuana for medical purposes upon the recommendation of a physician are not subject to criminal prosecution or sanction.
(C) To encourage the federal and state governments to implement a plan to provide for the safe and affordable distribution of marijuana to all patients in medical need of marijuana.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede legislation prohibiting persons from engaging in conduct that endangers others, nor to condone the diversion of marijuana for nonmedical purposes.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no physician in this state shall be punished, or denied any right or privilege, for having recommended marijuana to a patient for medical purposes.

(d) Section 11357, relating to the possession of marijuana, and Section 11358, relating to the cultivation of marijuana, shall not apply to a patient, or to a patient's primary caregiver, who possesses or cultivates marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient upon the written or oral recommendation or approval of a physician.

(e) For the purposes of this section, "primary caregiver" means the individual designated by the person exempted under this section who has consistently assumed responsibility for the housing, health, or safety of that person.
SB 420, Health and Safety Code, Sections 11362.7 through 11362.83

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INTRODUCED BY  Senator Vasconcellos
(Principal coauthor:  Assembly Member Leno)
(Coauthors:  Assembly Members Goldberg, Hancock, and Koretz)
FEBRUARY 20, 2003
An act to add Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 11362.7) to Chapter 6 of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to controlled substances.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SB 420, Vasconcellos. Medical Marijuana

Existing law, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, prohibits any physician from being punished, or denied any right or privilege, for having recommended marijuana to a patient for medical purposes. The act prohibits the provisions of law making unlawful the possession or cultivation of marijuana from applying to a patient, or to a patient’s primary caregiver, who possesses or cultivates marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient upon the written or oral recommendation or approval of a physician. This bill would require the State Department of Health Services to establish and maintain a voluntary program for the issuance of identification cards to qualified patients and would establish procedures under which a qualified patient with an identification card may use marijuana for medical purposes. The bill would specify the department’s duties in this regard, including developing related protocols and forms, and establishing application and renewal fees for the program.

The bill would impose various duties upon county health departments relating to the issuance of identification cards, thus creating a state-mandated local program. The bill would create various crimes related to the identification card program, thus imposing a state-mandated local program. This bill would authorize the Attorney General to set forth and clarify details concerning possession and cultivation limits, and other regulations, as specified. The bill would also authorize the Attorney General to recommend modifications
to the possession or cultivation limits set forth in the bill. The bill would require the Attorney General to develop and adopt guidelines to ensure the security and nondiversion of marijuana grown for medical use, as specified.

The California Constitution requires the State to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the State. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed $1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed $1,000,000. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for specified reasons.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

(a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(1) On November 6, 1996, the people of the State of California enacted the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (hereafter the act), codified in Section 11362.5 of the Health and Safety Code, in order to allow seriously ill residents of the state, who have the oral or written approval or recommendation of a physician, to use marijuana for medical purposes without fear of criminal liability under Sections 11357 and 11358 of the Health and Safety Code.

(2) However, reports from across the state have revealed problems and uncertainties in the act that have impeded the ability of law enforcement officers to enforce its provisions as the voters intended and, therefore, have prevented qualified patients and designated primary caregivers from obtaining the protections afforded by the act.

(3) Furthermore, the enactment of this law, as well as other recent legislation dealing with pain control, demonstrates that more information is needed to assess the number of individuals across the state who are suffering from serious medical conditions that are not being adequately alleviated through the use of conventional medications.

(4) In addition, the act called upon the state and the federal government to develop a plan for the safe and affordable distribution of marijuana to all patients in medical need thereof.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature, therefore, to do all of the following:

(1) Clarify the scope of the application of the act and facilitate the prompt identification of qualified patients and their designated primary caregivers in order to avoid unnecessary arrest and prosecution of these individuals and provide needed guidance to law enforcement officers.

(2) Promote uniform and consistent application of the act among the counties within the state.

(3) Enhance the access of patients and caregivers to medical marijuana through collective, cooperative cultivation projects.
(c) It is also the intent of the Legislature to address additional issues that were not included within the act, and that must be resolved in order to promote the fair and orderly implementation of the act.

(d) The Legislature further finds and declares both of the following:
   (1) A state identification card program will further the goals outlined in this section.
   (2) With respect to individuals, the identification system established pursuant to this act must be wholly voluntary, and a patient entitled to the protections of Section 11362.5 of the Health and Safety Code need not possess an identification card in order to claim the protections afforded by that section.

(e) The Legislature further finds and declares that it enacts this act pursuant to the powers reserved to the State of California and its people under the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

SECTION 2.
Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 11362.7) is added to Chapter 6 of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:
Article 2.5. Medical Marijuana Program

§ 11362.7. For purposes of this article, the following definitions shall apply:
(a) "Attending physician" means an individual who possesses a license in good standing to practice medicine or osteopathy issued by the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California and who has taken responsibility for an aspect of the medical care, treatment, diagnosis, counseling, or referral of a patient and who has conducted a medical examination of that patient before recording in the patient's medical record the physician's assessment of whether the patient has a serious medical condition and whether the medical use of marijuana is appropriate.

(b) "Department" means the State of California Department of Health Services.

(c) "Person with an identification card" means an individual who is a qualified patient who has applied for and received a valid identification card pursuant to this article.

(d) "Primary caregiver" means the individual, designated by a qualified patient or by a person with an identification card, who has consistently assumed responsibility for the housing, health, or safety of that patient or person, and may include any of the following:
   (1) In any case in which a qualified patient or person with an identification card receives medical care or supportive services, or both, from a clinic licensed pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1200) of Division 2, a health care facility licensed pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1250) of Division 2, a residential care facility for persons with chronic life-threatening illness licensed pursuant to Chapter 3.01 (commencing with Section 1568.01) of Division 2, a residential care facility for the elderly licensed pursuant to Chapter 3.2 (commencing with Section 1569) of Division 2, a hospice, or a home health agency licensed pursuant to Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 1725) of Division 2, the
owner or operator, or no more than three employees who are designated by the owner or operator, of the clinic, facility, hospice, or home health agency, if designated as a primary caregiver by that qualified patient or person with an identification card.

(2) An individual who has been designated as a primary caregiver by more than one qualified patient or person with an identification card, if every qualified patient or person with an identification card who has designated that individual as a primary caregiver resides in the same city or county as the primary caregiver.

(3) An individual who has been designated as a primary caregiver by a qualified patient or person with an identification card who resides in a city or county other than that of the primary caregiver, if the individual has not been designated as a primary caregiver by any other qualified patient or person with an identification card.

(e) A primary caregiver shall be at least 18 years of age, unless the primary caregiver is the parent of a minor child who is a qualified patient or a person with an identification card or the primary caregiver is a person otherwise entitled to make medical decisions under state law pursuant to Sections 6922, 7002, 7050, or 7120 of the Family Code.

(f) "Qualified patient" means a person who is entitled to the protections of Section 11362.5, but who does not have an identification card issued pursuant to this article.

(g) "Identification card" means a document issued by the State of California Department of Health Services that document identifies a person authorized to engage in the medical use of marijuana and the person's designated primary caregiver, if any.

(h) "Serious medical condition" means all of the following medical conditions:

(1) Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).
(2) Anorexia.
(3) Arthritis.
(4) Cachexia.
(5) Cancer.
(6) Chronic pain.
(7) Glaucoma.
(8) Migraine.
(9) Persistent muscle spasms, including, but not limited to, spasms associated with multiple sclerosis.
(10) Seizures, including, but not limited to, seizures associated with epilepsy.
(11) Severe nausea.
(12) Any other chronic or persistent medical symptom that either:
   (A) Substantially limits the ability of the person to conduct one or more major life activities as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336).
   (B) If not alleviated, may cause serious harm to the patient's safety or physical or mental health.
(i) "Written documentation" means accurate reproductions of those portions of a patient's medical records that have been created by the attending physician, that contain the information required by paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 11362.715, and that the patient may submit to a county health department or the county's designee as part of an application for an identification card.

§ 11362.71.
(a)

(1) The department shall establish and maintain a voluntary program for the issuance of identification cards to qualified patients who satisfy the requirements of this article and voluntarily apply to the identification card program.

(2) The department shall establish and maintain a 24-hour, toll-free telephone number that will enable state and local law enforcement officers to have immediate access to information necessary to verify the validity of an identification card issued by the department, until a cost-effective Internet Web-based system can be developed for this purpose.

(b) Every county health department, or the county's designee, shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide applications upon request to individuals seeking to join the identification card program.

(2) Receive and process completed applications in accordance with Section 11362.72.

(3) Maintain records of identification card programs.

(4) Utilize protocols developed by the department pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d).

(5) Issue identification cards developed by the department to approved applicants and designated primary caregivers.

(c) The county board of supervisors may designate another health-related governmental or nongovernmental entity or organization to perform the functions described in subdivision (b), except for an entity or organization that cultivates or distributes marijuana.

(d) The department shall develop all of the following:

(1) Protocols that shall be used by a county health department or the county's designee to implement the responsibilities described in subdivision (b), including, but not limited to, protocols to confirm the accuracy of information contained in an application and to protect the confidentiality of program records.

(2) Application forms that shall be issued to requesting applicants.

(3) An identification card that identifies a person authorized to engage in the medical use of marijuana and an identification card that identifies the person's designated primary caregiver, if any. The two identification cards developed pursuant to this paragraph shall be easily distinguishable from each other.

(e) No person or designated primary caregiver in possession of a valid identification card shall be subject to arrest for possession, transportation, delivery, or cultivation of medical marijuana in an amount established pursuant to this article, unless there is
reasonable cause to believe that the information contained in the card is false or falsified, the card has been obtained by means of fraud, or the person is otherwise in violation of the provisions of this article.

(f) It shall not be necessary for a person to obtain an identification card in order to claim the protections of Section 11362.5.

§ 11362.715.
(a) A person who seeks an identification card shall pay the fee, as provided in Section 11362.755, and provide all of the following to the county health department or the county's designee on a form developed and provided by the department:
(1) The name of the person, and proof of his or her residency within the county.
(2) Written documentation by the attending physician in the person's medical records stating that the person has been diagnosed with a serious medical condition and that the medical use of marijuana is appropriate.
(3) The name, office address, office telephone number, and California medical license number of the person's attending physician.
(4) The name and the duties of the primary caregiver.
(5) A government-issued photo identification card of the person and of the designated primary caregiver, if any. If the applicant is a person under 18 years of age, a certified copy of a birth certificate shall be deemed sufficient proof of identity.

(b) If the person applying for an identification card lacks the capacity to make medical decisions, the application may be made by the person's legal representative, including, but not limited to, any of the following:
(1) A conservator with authority to make medical decisions.
(2) An attorney-in-fact under a durable power of attorney for health care or surrogate decisionmaker authorized under another advanced health care directive.
(3) Any other individual authorized by statutory or decisional law to make medical decisions for the person.

(c) The legal representative described in subdivision (b) may also designate in the application an individual, including himself or herself, to serve as a primary caregiver for the person, provided that the individual meets the definition of a primary caregiver.

(d) The person or legal representative submitting the written information and documentation described in subdivision (a) shall retain a copy thereof.

§ 11362.72.
(a) Within 30 days of receipt of an application for an identification card, a county health department or the county's designee shall do all of the following:
(1) For purposes of processing the application, verify that the information contained in the application is accurate. If the person is less than 18 years of age, the county health department or its designee shall also contact the parent with legal authority to make medical decisions, legal guardian, or other person or entity with legal authority to make medical decisions, to verify the information.
(2) Verify with the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California that the attending physician has a license in good standing to practice medicine or osteopathy in the state.

(3) Contact the attending physician by facsimile, telephone, or mail to confirm that the medical records submitted by the patient are a true and correct copy of those contained in the physician's office records. When contacted by a county health department or the county's designee, the attending physician shall confirm or deny that the contents of the medical records are accurate.

(4) Take a photograph or otherwise obtain an electronically transmissible image of the applicant and of the designated primary caregiver, if any.

(5) Approve or deny the application. If an applicant who meets the requirements of Section 11362.715 can establish that an identification card is needed on an emergency basis, the county or its designee shall issue a temporary identification card that shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. The county, or its designee, may extend the temporary identification card for no more than 30 days at a time, so long as the applicant continues to meet the requirements of this paragraph.

(b) If the county health department or the county's designee approves the application, it shall, within 24 hours, or by the end of the next working day of approving the application, electronically transmit the following information to the department:

(1) A unique user identification number of the applicant.
(2) The date of expiration of the identification card.
(3) The name and telephone number of the county health department or the county's designee that has approved the application.

(c) The county health department or the county's designee shall issue an identification card to the applicant and to his or her designated primary caregiver, if any, within five working days of approving the application.

(d) In any case involving an incomplete application, the applicant shall assume responsibility for rectifying the deficiency. The county shall have 14 days from the receipt of information from the applicant pursuant to this subdivision to approve or deny the application.

§ 11362.735.
(a) An identification card issued by the county health department shall be serially numbered and shall contain all of the following:

(1) A unique user identification number of the cardholder.
(2) The date of expiration of the identification card.
(3) The name and telephone number of the county health department or the county's designee that has approved the application.
(4) A 24-hour, toll-free telephone number, to be maintained by the department, that will enable state and local law enforcement officers to have immediate access to information necessary to verify the validity of the card.
(5) Photo identification of the cardholder.
(b) A separate identification card shall be issued to the person's designated primary caregiver, if any, and shall include a photo identification of the caregiver.

§ 11362.74.
(a) The county health department or the county's designee may deny an application only for any of the following reasons:

(1) The applicant did not provide the information required by Section 11362.715, and upon notice of the deficiency pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 11362.72, did not provide the information within 30 days.
(2) The county health department or the county's designee determines that the information provided was false.
(3) The applicant does not meet the criteria set forth in this article.

(b) Any person whose application has been denied pursuant to subdivision (a) may not reapply for six months from the date of denial unless otherwise authorized by the county health department or the county's designee or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) Any person whose application has been denied pursuant to subdivision (a) may appeal that decision to the department. The county health department or the county's designee shall make available a telephone number or address to which the denied applicant can direct an appeal.

§ 11362.745.
(a) An identification card shall be valid for a period of one year.

(b) Upon annual renewal of an identification card, the county health department or its designee shall verify all new information and may verify any other information that has not changed.

(c) The county health department or the county's designee shall transmit its determination of approval or denial of a renewal to the department.

§ 11362.755.
(a) The department shall establish application and renewal fees for persons seeking to obtain or renew identification cards that are sufficient to cover the expenses incurred by the department, including the startup cost, the cost of reduced fees for Medi-Cal beneficiaries in accordance with subdivision (b), the cost of identifying and developing a cost-effective Internet Web-based system, and the cost of maintaining the 24-hour toll-free telephone number. Each county health department or the county's designee may charge an additional fee for all costs incurred by the county or the county's designee for administering the program pursuant to this article.

(b) Upon satisfactory proof of participation and eligibility in the Medi-Cal program, a Medi-Cal beneficiary shall receive a 50 percent reduction in the fees established pursuant to this section.
§ 11362.76.
(a) A person who possesses an identification card shall:
    (1) Within seven days, notify the county health department or the county's designee of any change in the person's attending physician or designated primary caregiver, if any.
    (2) Annually submit to the county health department or the county's designee the following:
        (A) Updated written documentation of the person's serious medical condition.
        (B) The name and duties of the person's designated primary caregiver, if any, for the forthcoming year.

(b) If a person who possesses an identification card fails to comply with this section, the card shall be deemed expired. If an identification card expires, the identification card of any designated primary caregiver of the person shall also expire.

(c) If the designated primary caregiver has been changed, the previous primary caregiver shall return his or her identification card to the department or to the county health department or the county's designee.

(d) If the owner or operator or an employee of the owner or operator of a provider has been designated as a primary caregiver pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 11362.7, of the qualified patient or person with an identification card, the owner or operator shall notify the county health department or the county's designee, pursuant to Section 11362.715, if a change in the designated primary caregiver has occurred.

§ 11362.765.
(a) Subject to the requirements of this article, the individuals specified in subdivision (b) shall not be subject, on that sole basis, to criminal liability under Section 11357, 11358, 11359, 11360, 11366, 11366.5, or 11570. However, nothing in this section shall authorize the individual to smoke or otherwise consume marijuana unless otherwise authorized by this article, nor shall anything in this section authorize any individual or group to cultivate or distribute marijuana for profit.

(b) Subdivision (a) shall apply to all of the following:
    (1) A qualified patient or a person with an identification card who transports or processes marijuana for his or her own personal medical use.
    (2) A designated primary caregiver who transports, processes, administers, delivers, or gives away marijuana for medical purposes, in amounts not exceeding those established in subdivision (a) of Section 11362.77, only to the qualified patient of the primary caregiver, or to the person with an identification card who has designated the individual as a primary caregiver.
    (3) Any individual who provides assistance to a qualified patient or a person with an identification card, or his or her designated primary caregiver, in administering medical marijuana to the qualified patient or person or acquiring the skills
necessary to cultivate or administer marijuana for medical purposes to the qualified patient or person.

(c) A primary caregiver who receives compensation for actual expenses, including reasonable compensation incurred for services provided to an eligible qualified patient or person with an identification card to enable that person to use marijuana under this article, or for payment for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing those services, or both, shall not, on the sole basis of that fact, be subject to prosecution or punishment under Section 11359 or 11360.

§ 11362.77.
(a) A qualified patient or primary caregiver may possess no more than eight ounces of dried marijuana per qualified patient. In addition, a qualified patient or primary caregiver may also maintain no more than six mature or 12 immature marijuana plants per qualified patient.

(b) If a qualified patient or primary caregiver has a doctor's recommendation that this quantity does not meet the qualified patient’s medical needs, the qualified patient or primary caregiver may possess an amount of marijuana consistent with the patient’s needs.

(c) Counties and cities may retain or enact medical marijuana guidelines allowing qualified patients or primary caregivers to exceed the state limits set forth in subdivision (a).

(d) Only the dried mature processed flowers of female cannabis plant or the plant conversion shall be considered when determining allowable quantities of marijuana under this section.

(e) The Attorney General may recommend modifications to the possession or cultivation limits set forth in this section. These recommendations, if any, shall be made to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2005, and may be made only after public comment and consultation with interested organizations, including, but not limited to, patients, health care professionals, researchers, law enforcement, and local governments. Any recommended modification shall be consistent with the intent of this article and shall be based on currently available scientific research.

(f) A qualified patient or a person holding a valid identification card, or the designated primary caregiver of that qualified patient or person, may possess amounts of marijuana consistent with this article.

§ 11362.775. Qualified patients, persons with valid identification cards, and the designated primary caregivers of qualified patients and persons with identification cards, who associate within the State of California in order collectively or cooperatively to cultivate marijuana for medical purposes, shall not solely on the basis of that fact be subject to state criminal sanctions under Section 11357, 11358, 11359, 11360, 11366, 11366.5, or 11570.
§ 11362.78. A state or local law enforcement agency or officer shall not refuse to accept an identification card issued by the department unless the state or local law enforcement agency or officer has reasonable cause to believe that the information contained in the card is false or fraudulent, or the card is being used fraudulently.

§ 11362.785.
(a) Nothing in this article shall require any accommodation of any medical use of marijuana on the property or premises of any place of employment or during the hours of employment or on the property or premises of any jail, correctional facility, or other type of penal institution in which prisoners reside or persons under arrest are detained.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a person shall not be prohibited or prevented from obtaining and submitting the written information and documentation necessary to apply for an identification card on the basis that the person is incarcerated in a jail, correctional facility, or other penal institution in which prisoners reside or persons under arrest are detained.

(c) Nothing in this article shall prohibit a jail, correctional facility, or other penal institution in which prisoners reside or persons under arrest are detained, from permitting a prisoner or a person under arrest who has an identification card, to use marijuana for medical purposes under circumstances that will not endanger the health or safety of other prisoners or the security of the facility.

(d) Nothing in this article shall require a governmental, private, or any other health insurance provider or health care service plan to be liable for any claim for reimbursement for the medical use of marijuana.

§ 11362.79. Nothing in this article shall authorize a qualified patient or person with an identification card to engage in the smoking of medical marijuana under any of the following circumstances:
(a) In any place where smoking is prohibited by law.

(b) In or within 1,000 feet of the grounds of a school, recreation center, or youth center, unless the medical use occurs within a residence.

(c) On a school bus.

(d) While in a motor vehicle that is being operated.

(e) While operating a boat.

§ 11362.795.
(a)
(1) Any criminal defendant who is eligible to use marijuana pursuant to Section 11362.5 may request that the court confirm that he or she is allowed to use medical marijuana while he or she is on probation or released on bail.
(2) The court's decision and the reasons for the decision shall be stated on the record and an entry stating those reasons shall be made in the minutes of the court.

(3) During the period of probation or release on bond, if a physician recommends that the probationer or defendant use medical marijuana, the probationer or defendant may request a modification of the conditions of probation or bond to authorize the use of medical marijuana.

(4) The court's consideration of the modification request authorized by this subdivision shall comply with the requirements of this section.

(b)

(1) Any person who is to be released on parole from a jail, state prison, school, road camp, or other state or local institution of confinement and who is eligible to use medical marijuana pursuant to Section 11362.5 may request that he or she be allowed to use medical marijuana during the period he or she is released on parole. A parolee's written conditions of parole shall reflect whether or not a request for a modification of the conditions of his or her parole to use medical marijuana was made, and whether the request was granted or denied.

(2) During the period of the parole, where a physician recommends that the parolee use medical marijuana, the parolee may request a modification of the conditions of the parole to authorize the use of medical marijuana.

(3) Any parolee whose request to use medical marijuana while on parole was denied may pursue an administrative appeal of the decision. Any decision on the appeal shall be in writing and shall reflect the reasons for the decision.

(4) The administrative consideration of the modification request authorized by this subdivision shall comply with the requirements of this section.

§ 11362.8. No professional licensing board may impose a civil penalty or take other disciplinary action against a licensee based solely on the fact that the licensee has performed acts that are necessary or appropriate to carry out the licensee's role as a designated primary caregiver to a person who is a qualified patient or who possesses a lawful identification card issued pursuant to Section 11362.72. However, this section shall not apply to acts performed by a physician relating to the discussion or recommendation of the medical use of marijuana to a patient. These discussions or recommendations, or both, shall be governed by Section 11362.5.

§ 11362.81.
(a) A person specified in subdivision (b) shall be subject to the following penalties:

(1) For the first offense, imprisonment in the county jail for no more than six months or a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000), or both.

(2) For a second or subsequent offense, imprisonment in the county jail for no more than one year, or a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000), or both.

(b) Subdivision (a) applies to any of the following:

(1) A person who fraudulently represents a medical condition or fraudulently provides any material misinformation to a physician, county health department or the county's designee, or state or local law enforcement agency or officer, for the purpose of falsely obtaining an identification card.
(2) A person who steals or fraudulently uses any person's identification card in order to acquire, possess, cultivate, transport, use, produce, or distribute marijuana.
(3) A person who counterfeits, tampers with, or fraudulently produces an identification card.
(4) A person who breaches the confidentiality requirements of this article to information provided to, or contained in the records of, the department or of a county health department or the county's designee pertaining to an identification card program.

(c) In addition to the penalties prescribed in subdivision (a), any person described in subdivision (b) may be precluded from attempting to obtain, or obtaining or using, an identification card for a period of up to six months at the discretion of the court.

(d) In addition to the requirements of this article, the Attorney General shall develop and adopt appropriate guidelines to ensure the security and nondiversion of marijuana grown for medical use by patients qualified under the Compassionate Use Act of 1996.

§ 11362.82. If any section, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this article is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and that holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

§ 11362.83. Nothing in this article shall prevent a city or other local governing body from adopting and enforcing laws consistent with this article.

SECTION 3.
No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution for certain costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district because in that regard this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

In addition, no reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution for other costs mandated by the state because this act includes additional revenue that is specifically intended to fund the costs of the state mandate in an amount sufficient to fund the cost of the state mandate, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code.
The Medical Marijuana Identification Card Program (Senate Bill 420) allows eligible patients and their primary caregivers to apply for and receive identification cards that may protect them against wrongful arrest and prosecution for use and possession of marijuana for medical purposes in California. However, SB 420 does not provide protection against Federal prosecution.

Patient Eligibility:
To qualify for a Medical Marijuana Identification Card (MMIC), patients must provide:

- Written documentation by a duly licensed physician warranting the use of medical marijuana;
- Proof of residency such as a current and valid California motor vehicle registration, or a current rent or mortgage receipt or utility bill in patient’s name bearing current address within the county;
- Government issued photo identification, such as a current and valid California driver’s license or identification card issued by the DMV bearing patient’s name and current address;

Caregiver Eligibility:
To qualify, caregivers must be designated by the patient. Caregivers must:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Have responsibility for the housing, health, or safety of patient; and
- Accompany the patient when applying for MMIC.

All applicants MUST schedule an appointment by calling 209-966-3689. Walk-in clients cannot be accommodated.

Please complete an application prior to appointment. Applications may be downloaded from www.mariaposacounty.org/health.

- Recommendations for Medical Marijuana use are not issued by the MMICP, only the card.
- The MMICP is not authorized to provide information on acquiring Medical Marijuana or related products.

Fees: A non-refundable processing fee made payable to the Mariposa County Health Department for each MMIC issued. For Medi-Cal beneficiaries and their caregivers, fees will be half price. Please call for current price. Cash or money orders accepted only. Participation in the program is optional.

www.mariaposacounty.org/health
OUTLINE OF M.M.I.C. ISSUING PROCESS

(Consistent with H & S code section 11362.7 et. seq.)

1. Applicant (patient or primary caregiver) applies using state-approved form
2. Health Department collects fee from applicant (cash or money order only)
3. Appointment scheduled with Health Officer for consultation
4. Document identity of applicant
5. Document proof of residence in Mariposa County
6. Document proof of age
7. Document MD order / recommendation
8. Health Department confirms M.D. status (current license in CA)
9. Health Officer contacts attending physician to verify information provided by applicant
10. Applicant sent to Sheriff's Office for photo
11. Health Department processes application via computer to State
12. Card is mailed to patient / primary caregiver

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Medical Marijuana Program
APPLICATION/RENEWAL
(Please Print)

For application instructions, view page 4.

This application is for:
- [ ] Patient Only (Applicant)
- [ ] Primary Caregiver Only
- [ ] Patient and Primary Caregiver

SECTION 1
TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

Name (last, first, middle initial)

Mailing address (number, street) Telephone number

City State ZIP code County of residence

Additional contact information

Is applicant under 18 years of age? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, complete Section 2 for the parent, legal guardian, or person with legal authority to make medical decisions for minor applicant, unless minor applicant is (check one):
- [ ] Lawfully emancipated; or
- [ ] Declares self-sufficient minor status or is a minor capable of medical consent

SECTION 2
TO BE COMPLETED FOR MINOR APPLICANT IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 1.

Parent/guardian/other name (last, first, middle initial) Telephone number if different from above

Mailing address if different from above (number, street) City State ZIP code

Relation to applicant (check one):
- [ ] Parent with legal authority to make medical decisions
- [ ] Legal Guardian
- [ ] Other person or entity with legal authority to make medical decisions

SECTION 3
TO BE COMPLETED IF THE APPLICANT IS UNABLE TO MAKE HIS/HER OWN MEDICAL DECISIONS.

Does the applicant have the capacity to make medical decisions? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If "No," enter the name and address of person acting on the applicant's behalf:

Name (last, first, middle initial) Telephone number

Mailing address (number, street) City State ZIP code

Check one of the following to indicate the legal authority of the person (legal representative) signing this application on behalf of the applicant:
- [ ] I am the conservator for the applicant and I have authority to make medical decisions.
- [ ] I am an attorney-in-fact under a durable power of attorney for health care.
- [ ] I am a surrogate decision maker authorized under an advanced healthcare directive.
- [ ] I am authorized by statutory or decisional law to make medical decisions for the applicant, as follows:

- [ ] Parent
- [ ] Legal Guardian
- [ ] Other (please specify):
SECTION 4 TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRIMARY CAREGIVER REQUESTING AN IDENTIFICATION CARD.

Name (last, first, middle initial) ___________________________ Date of birth (if less than 18 years of age) ____________

Mailing address (number, street) __________________________ Telephone number __________________________

City __________________________ State ______ ZIP code ______ County of residence ______

Primary Caregiver Duties: (Document how you consistently assume responsibility for the housing, health, or safety of the applicant.)

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Check your designation as a primary caregiver from the following list:

☐ I am the parent of the applicant or the person entitled to make medical decisions on behalf of the applicant.

☐ I am the designated primary caregiver for only this applicant.

☐ I am the designated primary caregiver for another applicant (qualified patient) in this county.

☐ I am the designated primary caregiver for an applicant (qualified patient) in a different county.

County name: __________________________

Check one of the two following choices if your status as a primary caregiver is linked to a health related entity:

☐ I am the owner/operator of a clinic pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1200), Division 2 of the Health and Safety (H&S) Code.

☐ I am a clinic/facility/hospice or home health agency employee* designated by the owner/operator to serve as a primary caregiver.

Check all that apply:

☐ This health care facility is licensed pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1250), Division 2 of the H&S Code.

☐ This residential care facility is licensed pursuant to Chapter 3.01 (commencing with Section 1568.01), Division 2 of the H&S Code.

☐ This hospice or home health agency is licensed pursuant to Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 1725), Division 2 of the H&S Code.

* Health and Safety Code, Section 11362.7(d)(1), limits a maximum of three employees that may serve as primary caregivers. Note: Include a copy of this page for each caregiver.

Primary Caregiver Declaration: I understand and acknowledge my assigned duties as the designated primary caregiver for __________________________. I understand that if the applicant's identification card expires, then my primary caregiver identification card shall also expire. I agree to return my primary caregiver identification card to this county health department or its designee if this applicant changes primary caregivers. I agree that if I am the owner or operator of a health care facility designated as the primary caregiver of this applicant, that I shall notify this county health department or its designee if a change of primary caregivers is made. I declare under penalty of perjury that the information I provided on this form is true and correct.

________________________________________
Printed name of primary caregiver

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Signature of primary caregiver

Date

CDPH 9042 (5/08)
SECTION 5  ALL APPLICANTS MUST IDENTIFY THEIR ATTENDING PHYSICIAN.

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Notice Required by Civil Code, Section 1798.17

The Civil Code, Section 1798.17, requires that this notice be provided when collecting personal or confidential information from individuals. Providing the individual information and identifying information requested on this form is mandatory. Failure to furnish this information to the administering agency, in order to process your application for a medical marijuana identification card, will result in denial of your application. The information collected will be verified for accuracy to determine eligibility for a medical marijuana identification card. Sections 11362.71 and 11362.715 of the Health and Safety Code authorize the collection and maintenance of the information.

The Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (Act) (Health & Safety Code, Section 11362.5) ensures that patients and their primary caregivers who possess or cultivate marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient upon the recommendation of a physician are not subject to California criminal prosecution or sanction. However, the Act does not protect marijuana plants from seizure nor individuals from federal prosecution under the federal Controlled Substances Act. The information that you provide in this application may be released as required by law, judicial order, or subpoena, and could be used in a federal criminal prosecution.

You have the right to access records containing your personal information which are maintained by the county health department, or the county’s designee, and the California Department of Public Health.

Responsibilities

It is my responsibility:

- To notify, within seven days, the county health department or the county’s designee of any changes in my attending physician or designated primary caregiver.
- To use my identification card only for the purposes intended by the law.
- To ensure that an authorized medical release of information is on file with my medical provider in order to complete my application.

Declaration

I have read the notice required by Civil Code, Section 1798.17 and understand my responsibilities as stated above concerning my participation in the Medical Marijuana Program. I confirm to the best of my knowledge the listed duties and information provided by my primary caregiver. I declare under penalty of perjury that the information I provided on and with this application is true and correct.

Print name of applicant or legal representative

Signature of applicant or legal representative

Date
MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM APPLICATION/RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS

Who may apply?

This program is voluntary. You may apply with the program if you reside in a California county and your doctor recommends the use of medical marijuana for one or more serious medical conditions you suffer from as specified in number 3 below. It is your option to designate a primary caregiver and apply for their identification card at the time you submit your application.

INSTRUCTIONS:

You must complete the Application/Renewal form (CDPH 9042) and provide the following information in order to receive an identification card. Submit both the CDPH 9042 and the following information to your county health department (or its designee).

1. Provide a government-issued photo identification card (such as a driver's license) issued to you.

   If you are under the age of 18 and lack photographic identification, you may substitute a certified copy of your birth certificate in place of the photo identification. If you designate a primary caregiver on your application form, your primary caregiver must present photographic identification at the same time you submit your application. A primary caregiver may use a certified birth certificate if they are under the age of 18 and lack government-issued photo identification.

2. Provide proof of your county residency with one of the following items:
   - A current rent/mortgage receipt or recent utility bill in your name bearing your current address within the county;
   - A current California motor vehicle registration in your name bearing your current address within the county; or
   - A California Driver's License or a California Identification Card issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) with your current address within the county listed.

   If you only possess a California Driver's License or California Identification Card with an older address listed outside the county, you may submit a DMV-issued Change of Address Certification Card (DL 43) listing your current address within the county when you present your identification. If you are less than 18 years of age, you may use any of the previously mentioned residency evidence belonging to your parent or legal guardian if they also reside in the county.

3. Written documentation from your doctor recommending that the use of medical marijuana is appropriate for one or more of the following serious medical conditions you suffer from: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS); anorexia; arthritis; cachexia; cancer; chronic pain; glaucoma; migraine; persistent muscle spasms, including, but not limited to, spasms associated with multiple sclerosis; seizures, including, but not limited to, seizures associated with epilepsy; severe nausea; or any other chronic or persistent medical symptom that either substantially limits the ability of the person to conduct one or more major life activities as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or, if not alleviated, such chronic or persistent medical symptoms may cause serious harm to your safety, or your physical or mental health.

4. Your doctor may use the Written Documentation of Patient's Medical Records form (CDPH 9044) to serve as the medical documentation. This form may be obtained from your county or from the California Department of Public Health web site at http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MMP/Pages/default.aspx.

5. The administering agency is required to verify an applicant's medical documentation. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the authorized medical release of information is on file with their medical provider.

6. Contact your local county health department for office locations and identification card fees.

7. Medi-Cal participation at the time of application entitles the applicant to a 50 percent reduction in fees. Application fees are nonrefundable.

8. If you submit an incomplete application and/or fail to provide all the previously mentioned information, your application will be denied and you may be restricted from reapplying for six months.
Date

CONFIDENTIAL PATIENT INFORMATION

Name
Address
City, CA ZIP

Thank you for submitting your application for a Medical Marijuana Identification Card (MMIC).

Your application has been denied for the following reason(s):

☐ You did not provide all the required information with your application, and upon notice of deficiency, did not provide the information within 30 days of the notice.

☐ The information provided in your application could not be verified.

☐ You do not meet the required criteria, as specified in Section 11362.74 (a) of the California Health and Safety Code.

You have thirty (30) days from the date of this notice to appeal the decision. To appeal, complete the enclosed Denials Appeals Application and mail it and a copy of your denied application to the California Department of Health Services at the address on the form for review and decision. If you choose not to appeal your denial, you may pick up a partial refund of your application fee at the Mariposa County Health Department.

You may not reapply for six months from the date of this notice, unless authorized by the Mariposa County Medical Marijuana Program.
State of California
Medical Marijuana Identification Card
PATIENT

ID# 583276182
To Verify: www.calmmpo.ca.gov
Date of Expiration:
12-31-05

Golden Grove County
Department of Public Health
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