



WHAT PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HB 1284

Introduction: House Bill 10-1284, passed in the summer of 2010, imposes new regulations on patients and caregivers previously operating under Colorado's Medical Marijuana Constitutional Amendment. For those who wish to remain clearly compliant with state law, following these new laws is an imperative.

Patients

- Patients cannot use medical marijuana:
 - In a Medical Marijuana Center or other licensed facility;
 - In a way that endangers the health and well-being of a person;
 - In plain view or place open to the public;
 - In a correctional facility or community corrections facility; or
 - In a vehicle, aircraft, or boat.
- Patients and caregivers cannot possess marijuana on the grounds of a school (pre-12) or on a school bus.
- Patients and caregivers must have their paper work with them while in possession of medical marijuana.
- Patients can only have one caregiver at a time.

Caregivers

- Caregivers are limited to 5 patients, except in extreme exceptional circumstances.
- Caregivers will eventually have to register with the State Health Department.
- Caregivers must do something more than simply provide marijuana for their patients.
- Caregivers cannot “join together” to cultivate marijuana or “engage others to assist in providing medical marijuana to a patient.”
- A caregiver cannot also have a caregiver.
- Caregivers cannot “cultivate or provide” marijuana to anyone who is not their patient.
- Caregivers must maintain a list of the registry identification number for each of their patients.
- Caregivers cannot charge patients more than the cost of purchasing or cultivating marijuana, but can charge for caregiver services.
- There can be no financial connection between caregivers and doctors.
- Law enforcement will be able to confirm caregiver status with a new 24 hour database.