

# **Medical Marijuana Identification Program (MMP)**

## **Are you a Medical Cannabis User? OR A Medical Cannabis Primary Caregiver?**

The legal protections provided by the passage of Proposition 215 (Compassionate Use Act of 1996) in California are limited. Consult an attorney, if you have questions about your personal situation. Both Medical Marijuana users and their primary caregivers are eligible for these ID cards.

### **To obtain an ID card ...**

Call the Medical Cannabis User Identification Card Program at (530) 527-8491 ext 3050 or come in to the Tehama County Health Services Agency office at 818 Main Street, in Red Bluff and request an application packet or visit <http://dhs.ca.gov/mmp>.

### **What you will need:**

#### **For A Medical Cannabis User ID Card:**

- Proof of identity (CA. ID or CA. Drivers License, U.S. Passport or Veteran's Administration Card).
- Proof of Tehama County Residency (Current license with correct physical address, recent utility bill/or rental/mortgage receipt).
- A Licensed California Doctor's documentation of patient's medical records (DHS form 9044. *No copies - originals only*).
- \$125.75 for the ID Card (Payment by Money Order or Cash only. Fee is non-refundable.) If the applicant is a current MediCal beneficiary then the fee is reduced to \$62.87. \*

#### **A Primary Caregiver ID Card:**

- Proof of identity (CA. ID or CA. Drivers License, U.S. Passport or Veteran's Administration Card).
- Proof that the person you are a caregiver for has a current Medical Marijuana User ID Card.
- Completed Primary Caregiver certification section of DHS form 9042 (The Caregiver will need to be accompanied by the User with their Tehama County Medical Cannabis Card).
- Same fee schedule as User ID card.

*\*fees subject to change*

### **HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM**

The voters of California passed Proposition 215, also known as the Compassionate Use Act. Within California, the Act allows for the recommendation by a physician for the medical use of marijuana by a patient, and the cultivation, transportation and use of marijuana for medical purposes by patients and caregivers. The Compassionate Use Act exempts patients, caregivers and physicians who recommend the use of marijuana for medical purposes from criminal laws, punishment, or the denial of any rights or privileges. To address uncertainties and clarify the scope of the Act for patients, caregivers, law enforcement and others, Senate Bill (SB) 420 (Chapter 875, Statutes of 2003) was written into law in December of 2003 (see California Health and Safety Code, Article 2.5, [Sections 11362.7 through 11362.83](#)).

The MMP, was established in 2004 to facilitate the registration of qualified patients and their caregivers, through a statewide identification system. Participation in the program is voluntary for patients and the patient's primary caregiver. Through their county of residence, qualified patients and their caregivers may apply for and be issued an identification card. This card will be used to verify those patients and caregivers that have authorization to possess, grow, transport and/or use medical marijuana in California. To facilitate the verification of authorized cardholders, a registration database is available on the Internet: [www.calmmp.ca.gov](http://www.calmmp.ca.gov).

*For further information on the Medical Marijuana Program, please visit <http://dhs.ca.gov/mmp>*