



Medical Cannabis Program Presentation

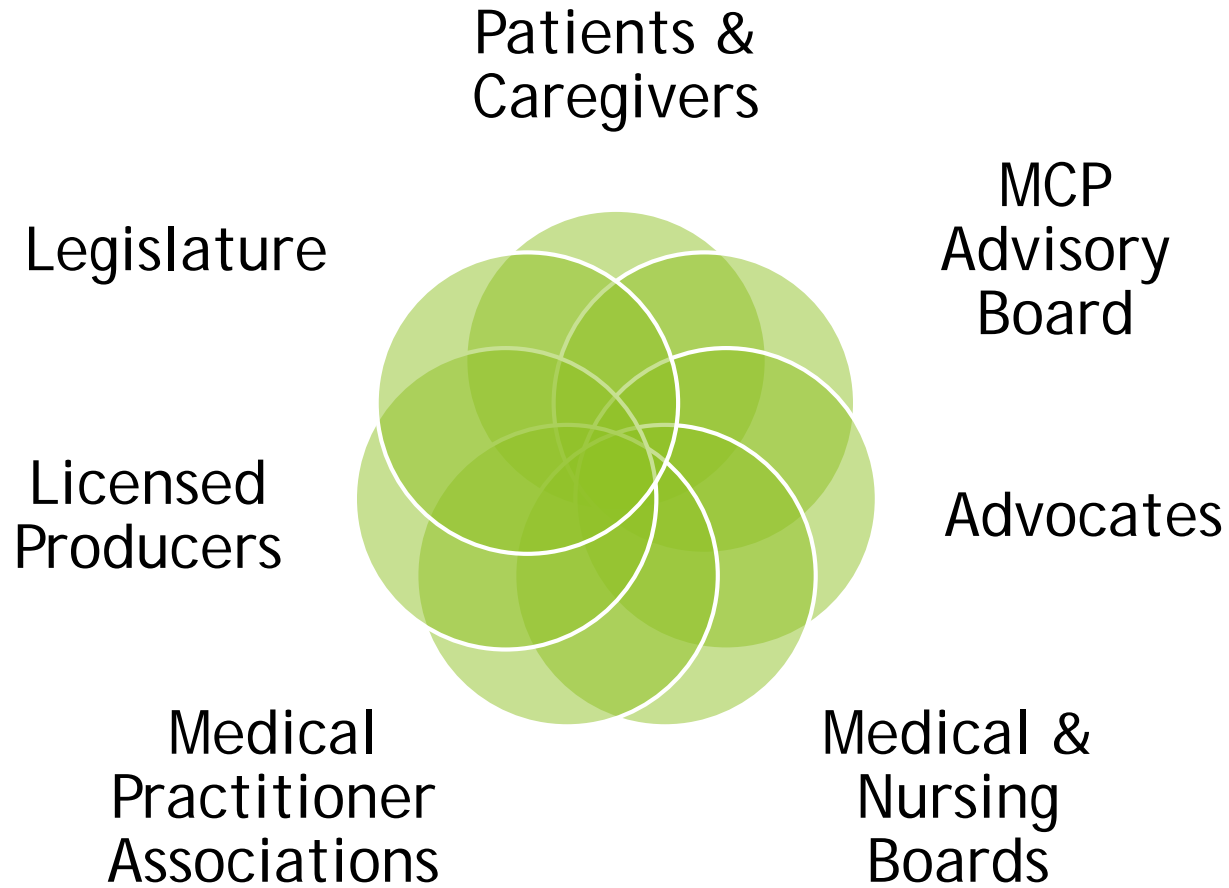
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Program Purpose

The Medical Cannabis Program (MCP) was created under the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act in 2007.

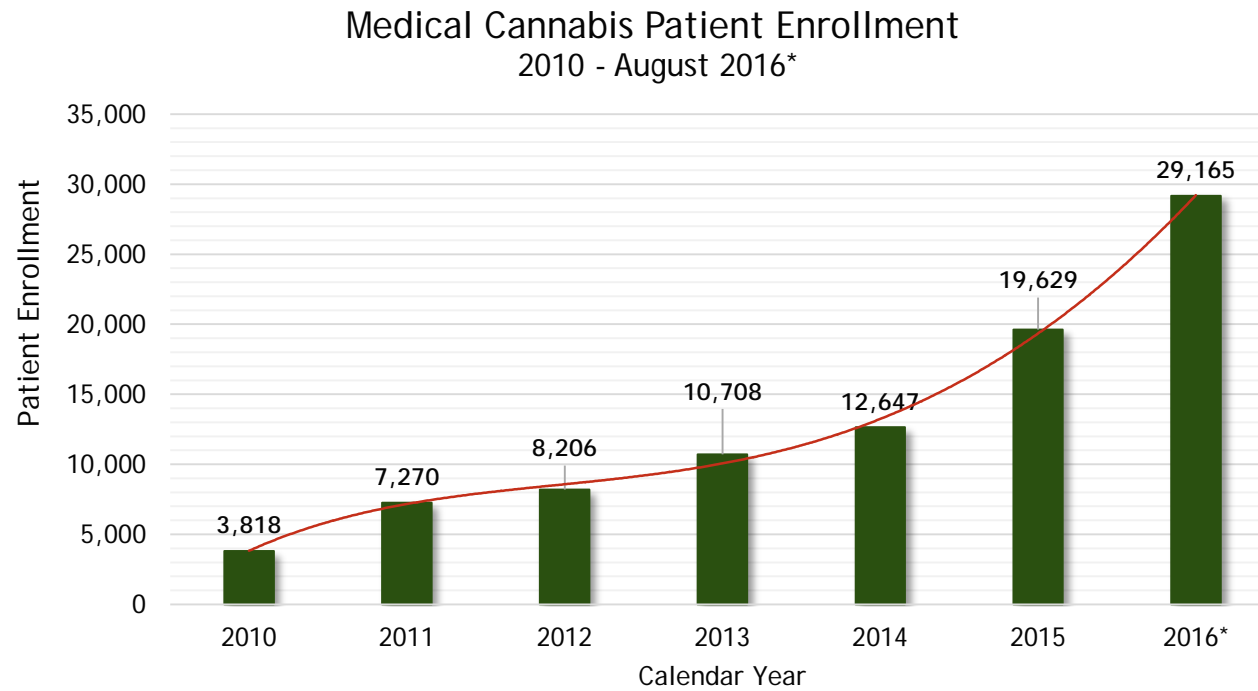
The purpose of this Act is to allow the beneficial use of medical cannabis in a regulated system for alleviating symptoms caused by debilitating medical conditions and their medical treatments.

Medical Cannabis Program Partners



Patient Growth

- ▶ We are serving more than 29,000 patients.



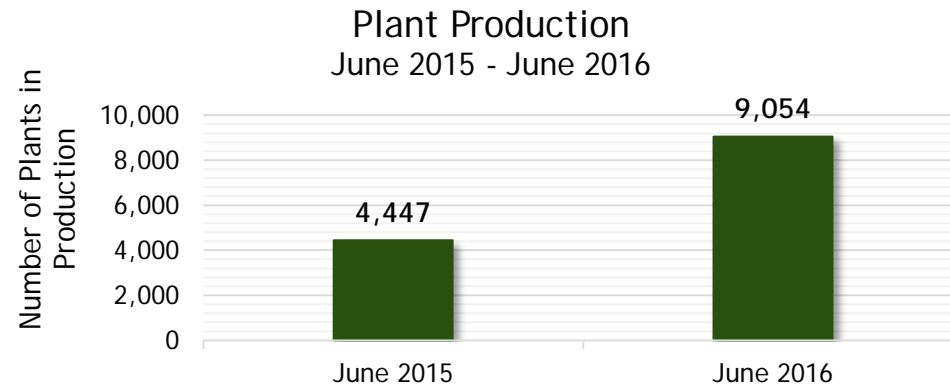
21 Qualifying Conditions



- ▶ Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
- ▶ *Cancer (please specify type)
- ▶ Crohn's Disease
- ▶ *Epilepsy
- ▶ *Glaucoma
- ▶ Hepatitis C Infection currently receiving antiviral treatment (proof of current anti-viral treatment required)
- ▶ *HIV/AIDS
- ▶ Huntington's Disease
- ▶ *Hospice Care
- ▶ Inclusion Body Myositis
- ▶ Inflammatory autoimmune-mediated arthritis
- ▶ Intractable Nausea/Vomiting
- ▶ *Multiple Sclerosis
- ▶ *Damage to the nervous tissue of the spinal cord, *with* (proof of objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity required)
- ▶ Painful Peripheral Neuropathy
- ▶ Parkinson's disease
- ▶ Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- ▶ Severe Chronic Pain
- ▶ Severe Anorexia/Cachexia
- ▶ Spasmodic Torticollis (Cervical Dystonia)
- ▶ Ulcerative Colitis
- ▶ * Condition in statute

Licensed Non Profit Producers

- ▶ There are currently 35 Producers.
 - ▶ 12 Producers were added in 2015.
 - ▶ 43 dispensaries are located in 15 counties.
 - ▶ Courier service is available in every county.



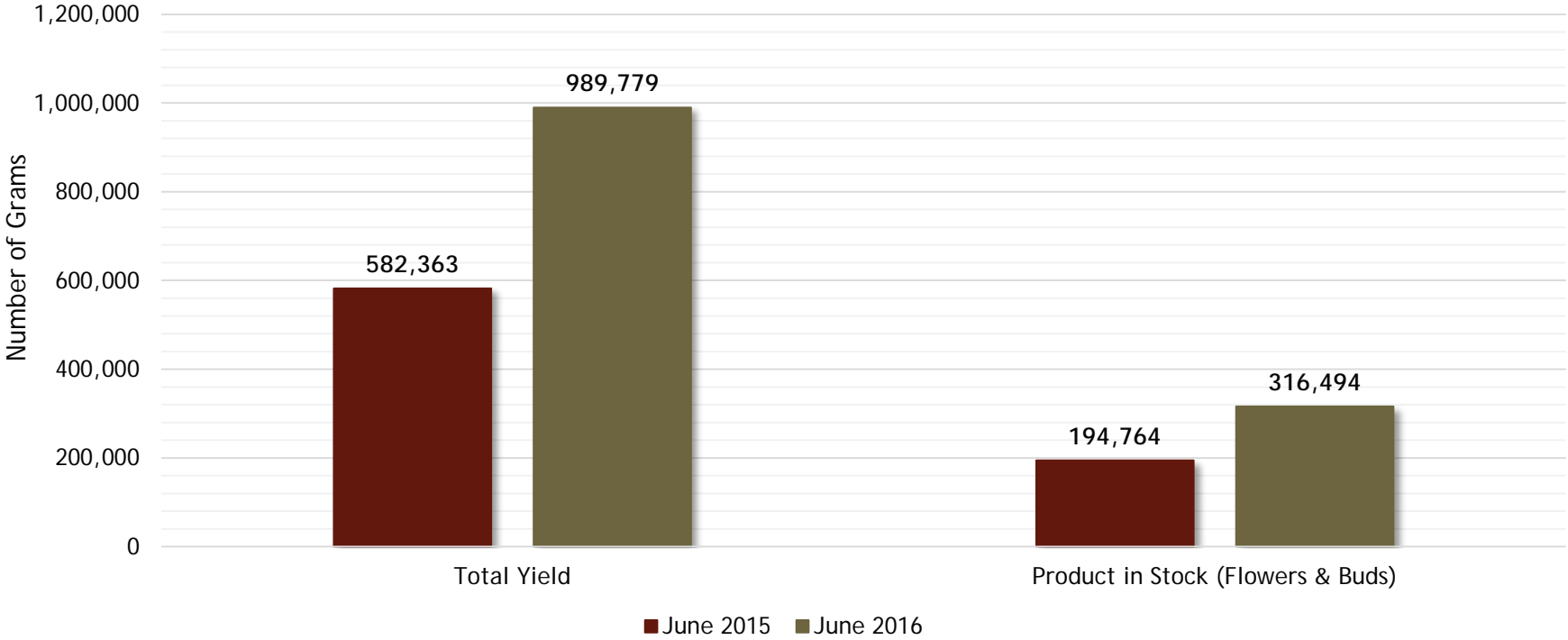
- ▶ Plant count limit: 450 plants per producer.

Personal Production Licenses

- ▶ As of August 19, there were 6,333 Personal Production Licenses (PPLs).
- ▶ As of June 30, 2016, there were 5,865 PPLs.
- ▶ At the end of June 2015, there were 3,741 PPLs.

Production and Availability

Total Plant Yield and Amount of Medicine Available



Patient Access

New Rules Adopted in 2015 and 2016

- ▶ Tripling of plant count limit for non-profit producers (from 150 to 450).
- ▶ Increase of adequate supply limit, from 6 ounces to 8 ounces for 3 months.
- ▶ Removal of certain restrictions on who can diagnose certain medical conditions (PTSD, chronic pain, inflammatory autoimmune-mediated arthritis).
- ▶ Amendment to patient rule to remove requirement of attestation that “standard treatments have failed to bring adequate relief.”
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Processing Applications

- ▶ Mail is opened and items are date stamped the day they arrive.
- ▶ New Applications are entered into the system, renewals are entered for receipt date.
- ▶ Applications are reviewed by medical directors.
 - ▶ If the medical director needs more records they will complete an incomplete application form stating what additional information is needed.
- ▶ Application is then sent for administrative review.
 - ▶ Reviewed for completion and accuracy in the database (signatures, ID is valid, all forms completed, etc.). If incomplete, a letter will be sent to the applicant requesting necessary information. Letter is mailed and notes are placed in system, file is placed in pending status.
- ▶ If there is a Personal Production license or Caregiver license those go to the program manager for review.
- ▶ After all reviews, if complete, application is approved and printed on the same day.
- ▶ Envelopes are printed and card is mailed.

Temporary Changes

- ▶ We are extending the expiration dates of cards expiring between June 15, 2016 and December 31, 2016 by up to 60 days. This temporary change is being implemented in order to prevent a patient's enrollment from lapsing as a result of the backlog.
- ▶ Increase in full-time permanent employees processing applications from 4 to 7.
- ▶ In addition to the increase in permanent employees, 3 temporary employees have been hired to process applications.
- ▶ Employees are working an about 50 hours a week, 6 days a week.
- ▶ Four additional printers have been purchased to increase capacity to print patient ID cards.

Outreach efforts

- ▶ Presentations to medical providers and support groups.
- ▶ Medical directors are reaching out to individual medical providers to educate about the use of cannabis and enrollments requirements.
- ▶ Presentations to law enforcement agencies and magistrates court judges.
- ▶ Development of materials for enrollees and the community to create more awareness on enrollment process.



Medical Cannabis Program

Staff

- ▶ Program Director
- ▶ Compliance Manager
 - ▶ Three Compliance Staff
 - ▶ Administrative Assistant
- ▶ Patient Services Program Manager
 - ▶ Health Educator
 - ▶ Three Information and Records clerks
 - ▶ Two data Entry (One Vacant)
- ▶ Medical Director
- ▶ Business Operations Manager

Budget

FY 2016: Revenue: **\$1,979,953.25**

FY 2016 Expenditures: **\$1,974,710.75**

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