Medical Cannabis Program

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Before we start...

On behalf of all colleagues at the Department of Health, we humbly acknowledge we are on the unceded ancestral lands of the original peoples of the Apache, Navajo and Pueblo past and present.

With gratitude we pay our respects to the land, the people and the communities that have and continue to contribute to what today is known as the State of New Mexico.
Mission – Department of Health

To ensure health equity, we work with our partners to promote health and well-being, and improve health outcomes for all people in New Mexico.

Goals

1. **We expand equitable access** to services for all New Mexicans

2. **We ensure safety** in New Mexico healthcare environments

3. **We improve health status** for all New Mexicans

4. **We support each other** by promoting an environment of mutual respect, trust, open communication, and needed resources for staff to serve New Mexicans and to grow and reach their professional goals
Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act

The purpose of the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use 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.
State Agencies Working Together on Cannabis Issues

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Other Agencies involved include:  
Department of Public Safety; Workforce Solutions; Department of Transportation
Organizational Chart Medical Cannabis Program

FY21 - 28 FTE positions
FY22 - 18 FTE positions

When the Cannabis Regulation Act was implemented on June 29, 2021:
• 13 positions were transferred from NMDOH-MCP to RLD-Cannabis Control Division
• 3 New T-180 positions were then created for NMDOH-MCP
There are Medical Cannabis Patients in Every County in NM

- 124,463 enrolled patients as of September 30, 2021
- 14,967 applications and renewals processed from July 1 - September 30, 2021
Patient Enrollment 2019-2021

72% increase in patient enrollment from 2019 to 2021

September 2019: 72,249
September 2020: 98,191
September 2021: 124,463
The Three Most Commonly Enrolled Qualifying Conditions 2019-2021

- 28 qualifying conditions
- 111,628 patients are enrolled with one of these three qualifying conditions.
- 12,825 patients are enrolled with one of the other 25 qualifying conditions
Online Patient Portal

Medical Providers can utilize this for in-person or telehealth visits.

Patients can utilize the portal for registering, completing applications and annual certifications, or checking on their remaining units.

An important tool during COVID-19.