

From: Virginia Board of Pharmacy  
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## Medical Cannabis Products: Updated Information

As a registered patient for medical cannabis products please review the following information.

### **2021 Legislative Changes**

The 2021 General Assembly session resulted in several changes to the pharmaceutical processor program. Of most interest to patients registered for medical cannabis products are changes made as a result of HB1988 and SB 1333. You may find information on both of these bills here: <https://viriniageneralassembly.gov/>.

### **Botanical Cannabis**

Botanical cannabis will become available for dispensing from a pharmaceutical processor dispensary or a cannabis dispensing facility to a patient that maintains a valid written certification for the use of medical cannabis and registration with the Board of Pharmacy (BOP). Regulations are currently being developed to support this allowance and are expected to be implemented by September, 2021. Botanical cannabis may be dispensed once the regulations are in place and products are available. No more than four ounces of botanical cannabis shall be dispensed for each 30-day period. Any dispensed botanical cannabis is calculated into the total 90-day supply of medical cannabis products that may be obtained. You do not need a new or different registration card to obtain botanical cannabis.

### **Written Certifications**

As a reminder, written certifications are valid for no more than 12 months from the date of issuance. If your written certification has, or is about to expire, contact a registered practitioner for information on how to obtain a new written certification. Failing to maintain a valid written certification is non-compliant with board regulation and will jeopardize your ability to obtain medical cannabis products from a dispensary. The renewed written certification does not need to be submitted to the Board but must be presented to the pharmaceutical processor when obtaining medical cannabis products.

### **Pharmaceutical Processors**

Currently, there are 4 permitted pharmaceutical processors. All four processor dispensaries are open for dispensing medical cannabis products to registered patients. These pharmaceutical processors are: Dharma Pharmaceuticals, LLC, Abingdon; Columbia Care Eastern Virginia, LLC, Portsmouth, Dalitso, LLC, Manassas and Green Leaf Medical of Virginia, Inc., Richmond.

The Board of Pharmacy encourages you to be proactive and aware in your health care decisions. The board is unable to advise you regarding cannabis products available from sources other than the pharmaceutical processors.

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