Information for Healthcare Practitioners' on How to Access the Medical Marijuana Authorization Database

Who Can Authorize

Only the following healthcare practitioners licensed in Washington State may authorize the use of marijuana for medical purposes:

- Medical doctors (MD) – licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW
- Physician assistants (PA) - licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW
- Osteopathic physicians (DO) - licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW
- Osteopathic physician assistants (OA) - licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW
- Naturopathic physicians (ND) - licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW
- Advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNP) - licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW

Who Can Access the Database

The Medical Marijuana Authorization Database laws and rules allow authorizing practitioners and those who prescribe or dispense controlled substances to access patient information in the database.

Non-authorizing healthcare practitioners who are allowed to prescribe controlled substances may access health care information on their patients for the purpose of providing medical care for their patients (chapter 69.51A230(b) RCW). In addition, pharmacists may access the database for pharmaceutical care. Controlled substance prescribers must have a valid DOH License and DEA Number and pharmacists must have only a valid DOH License for this access.

What You Can Do

Authorizing healthcare practitioners who access the database will see the list of patients they have authorized and the patient's designated provider, if applicable. The authorizing healthcare practitioner may revoke any authorization and its corresponding card, if necessary. Note: Because the database is voluntary, not all your patients may be in the system.

Non-authorizing practitioners who are allowed to prescribe or dispense controlled substances will have the option to search the database by the patient's name and date of birth to review the patient's healthcare information.

How to Access the Database

1. Create a personal Secure Access Washington (SAW) account at https://secureaccess.wa
2. Select the **My Secure Services** tab and select **Add a New Service**.
3. Enter the service code **MMJAS** in the box on the left side of the screen and select **Apply**.
4. Select **Healthcare Practitioner** as your user type and select the **Register** button.
5. Select the **My Secure Services** tab and then select **Medical Marijuana Authorization System** – this will take you into the Medical Marijuana Database.
6. Accept the **Terms of Service** by selecting **I Agree**.
7. Verify your credentials - **DOH License and/or DEA number** - and select the **Save** button.
   Note: You will have to only do this the first time you access the system.

After you are setup in the system, you must use your Secure Access Washington account each time to access the database. Please contact us if you need assistance.