Opioid Alternative Pilot Program
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Acronyms

ICTS - Illinois Cannabis Tracking System, the on-line registration system for qualifying patients and physicians

- IDPH – Illinois Department of Public Health
- LHDs – certified local health departments
- PC – physician certification
- OAPP – Opioid Alternative Pilot Program
- MCPP – Medical Cannabis Pilot Program
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• Program Strategies
  • Develop and implement systems and processes to enroll qualified Illinois adults into the OAPP
  • Educate stakeholder groups (physicians, dispensaries, qualifying patients, local health departments, law enforcement) about OAPP
  • Ensure quality and satisfaction of OAPP

• Short-term Outcomes
  • Increase in number of physicians who report an increase in knowledge and awareness about OAPP
  • Increase in number of physicians who submit an OAPP PC for a qualifying patient

• Intermediate Outcomes
  • Increased knowledge and awareness about OAPP across all stakeholder groups
  • Increased number of physicians who report awareness about OAPP and encourage qualifying patients to enroll in OAPP

• Long-term Outcomes
  • Decreased overdoses related to opioid prescription drugs
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Administrative Rulemaking

• Emergency rules adopted and proposed rules issued on December 1, 2018

• Published in the December 7, 2018 issue of the Illinois Register
  • [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov)

• Emergency rules are effective for 150 days

• Interested individuals may submit comment regarding the proposed rules during the 45-day public comment period (expires January 21, 2019)

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Administrative Rules – components

• Implements provisions of P.A. 100-1114 and P.A. 100-0660
• Provides provisional access to licensed medical cannabis dispensary organizations for persons applying to the Medical Cannabis Pilot Program
• Defines the requirements for participation in the Opioid Alternative Pilot Program
• Removes all requirement for fingerprint background checks and exclusions due to qualifying felony offenses
• Prohibits organizations from charging a fee for assistance with registration for MCPP and OAPP
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Implementation Timeline

• IDPH currently in design/build phase for ICTS
• Projected “go live” date is January 31
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State Agency Partners

- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
- State Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (Department of Human Services)
- Illinois State Police
- Office of the Secretary of State
- State Seed-to-Sale Tracking System (Department of Agriculture)

Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act
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Non-state Partners and Stakeholders

• Licensed MDs and DOs
  • Must be licensed to practice in Illinois and hold a valid Illinois Controlled Substances License at the time of issuing the Physician Certification

• Licensed Dispensaries
  • Qualifying patient may visit a licensed dispensary to register for OAPP
  • Sale of medical cannabis to registered patients

• Certified Local Health Departments
  • Qualifying patient may visit a LHD to register for OAPP
  • Physician education about OAPP
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General Provisions

- Qualifying patients
  - Patient has a current prescription for an opioid, OR patient could be prescribed an opioid based on generally accepted standards of care
  - Must be 21 or older at the time of registration
  - No caregiver provisions for OAPP
  - Cannot have a Commercial Driver’s License or School Bus Permit

- OAPP Physician Certification is valid for 90-day registration period
  - Requires in-person office visit; telemedicine and telephone consultation are prohibited

- Cannot change dispensary during 90-day registration period
- Patient limited to 2.5 ounces of medical cannabis every 14-days. No waiver of the allowable amount
- No dual registration in OAPP and MCPP
- After 90-day registration period, qualifying patients can register again
- Patients with a qualifying debilitating condition may apply for MCPP
Physician completes OAPP PC for patient

Patient selects dispensary and completes OAPP registration

Dispensary Agent/LHD enters patient information via on-line registration system

OAPP number issued and 90-day registration approved

System issues a "ticket" to email with bar code to access Dispensary

FTP file transfer to BioTrack/SOS/PMP

End of 90 calendar days, OAPP registration expires

FTP file transfer to BioTrack/SOS/PMP

IDPH QA REVIEW

IDPH conducts QA review of OAPP registration documentation

OAPP QA Review:
- Algorithm-based review; based on # and dispensary
- Review of physician certification
- Valid driver’s license/state ID
- Proof of address

Deficiency email issued (SOP for response time = 20 business days)

No response? Issue Denial Letter

FTP file transfer to BioTrack/SOS/PMP

Valid OAPP registration includes:
- Illinois Driver’s License or State ID
- Address verification
- OAPP Physician Certification
- Passport-style photo
- Co-payment of $10 for each 90-day registration

At end of 90-days, if physician recommends continuation in OAPP, another registration is required.

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Sign In

By signing in to this system you are agreeing to the stated security policy.

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To create an account and register, click the Patient Registration, Physician Registration, Caregiver Registration or Dispensary button below.

Patient Registration
Physician Registration

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Registration Process – Five Components

Step 1
Step 2
Step 3
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Registration Process

Step 1: Physician Certification

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Step 5
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Physician Certification

• Entire process will be on-line
• Physician will be required to register with the IDPH OAPP
  • Verification of license credentials
  • Secure Physician PIN # for submission of PCs
• PC must be submitted before a qualifying patient can complete their registration for OAPP
• Once submitted by the physician, the PC is valid for 30 days
• If the physician determines the registered patient should continue in OAPP, a new PC can be entered within 30 days of expiration
  • In-person office visit is required; no telemedicine
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Physician Certification

Registration Type
Physician

User Information

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Direct Email Address (The email address entered here should be your direct email address that no one else besides you has access to. Do not enter an email address that is shared with other providers or office staff)

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Username
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Physician Certification

The physician will enter information into the on-line system including:

• Demographic information about the qualifying patient (used to match the PC with the patient’s registration)
• Information about the patient’s qualification for enrollment in OAPP
• Information about the patient’s diagnosis
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Registration Process

Step 1: Physician Certification

Step 2: Patient Registration

Step 3

Step 4

Step 5
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Patient Registration

• After in-person office visit, the qualifying patient is ready to enroll in OAPP

• Registration assistance at licensed dispensary or certified local health department
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Patient Registration

• Patient must have a valid email address for OAPP
  • Cannot use dispensary or LHD email

• System will send a temporary password to patient’s email

• ICTS will verify whether patient is a registered Medical Cannabis Pilot Program participant
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Patient Registration

Requirements for registration
• Illinois Driver’s license or state ID
• Proof of address documentation
• Passport-style Photograph
• Credit or debit card for $10 co-payment
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Patient Registration

• Photo will be transmitted to State seed-to-sale tracking system along with credential information so patient identity can be verified at EACH dispensary visit

• High resolution, Passport-quality photo is required
  • Passport photos can be obtained at Walgreen’s, CVS, Walmart, the UPS Store, or the local post office
  • If the patient already has a photo, it can be cropped and resized using the Photo Tool provided by the U.S. Department of State
    https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/requirements/photos.html
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Patient Registration

• Based on demographic information patient enters in registration system, ICTS will:
  • Verify the patient is not already enrolled in the Medical Cannabis Pilot Program
  • Match the patient’s registration with the physician certification filed by the patient’s doctor

• Patient will select PC to download into registration

• Co-pay of $10 submitted via state ePAY system
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Registration Process

Step 1: Physician Certification

Step 2: Patient Registration

Step 3: OAPP Registration Issued

Step 4

Step 5
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Patient Registration

• OAPP registered patient will receive an email with their registry card information
• No hard plastic registry cards will be printed for OAPP
• Dispensary MUST verify registration in State seed-to-sale tracking system each time patient visits dispensary
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Registration Process

Step 1: Physician Certification

Step 2: Patient Registration

Step 3: OAPP Registration Issued

Step 4: IDPH QA Process

Step 5
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IDPH Quality Assurance Process

• ICTS will transfer information to Secretary of State Driver’s license system
  • Patients with a valid Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) or a School Bus Permit will be issued a denial

• QA process will be conducted to determine validity of OAPP registration including address verification, review of physician certification, accuracy and completeness of registration

• Patient will have opportunity to correct errors or will receive a denial and the OAPP registration will be immediately revoked
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Registration Process

Step 1: Physician Certification
Step 2: Patient Registration
Step 3: OAPP Registration Issued
Step 4: IDPH QA Process
Step 5: Re-enrollment
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Re-enrollment

• No more than 30 days before the expiration date of the OAPP registration, the patient may contact their physician for an appointment to review their continued participation in the program.

• Re-enrollment requires:
  • Office Visit
  • New physician certification submitted on-line by doctor
  • Updated registration and $10 co-payment

• Patients with a qualifying debilitating condition may choose to enroll in the traditional MCPP.
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