

Medical Cannabis Needs You Act Today! Don't Delay!

Urge U.S. Congress to Support Medical Marijuana Patients' Rights

This is a reminder that the U.S. House of Representatives is expected to vote shortly on the 2007 Hinchey-Rohrabacher medical marijuana amendment, and some sick and dying people need your help to send a clear and overwhelming message to Congress to stop prosecuting medicinal cannabis patients.

Last year, despite a Republicancontrolled Congress, 163 US representatives voted in favor of Hinchey-Rohrabacher 55 votes shy of the votes we, the need people, to stop Washington's war on patients. This year, with a new Democratcontrolled Congress, we can expect to achieve more support than ever before. However, we still need you to please contact vour US Representative today and tell him/her to support this amendment.

If passed, the 2007 Hinchey-Rohrabacher amendment would prevent the Justice Department and Drug Enforcement

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OMMA Under Attack

Prohibitionists have filed an initiative that would repeal our states Oregon Medical Marijuana Act (OMMA) and replace it with an synthetic-marijuana system.

This is a very serious threat to OMMA. If it passes all patients would be forced at gunpoint to switch to marinol or other pharmaceutical synthetics whether or not they work or even kill the patient.

We will have to rise to the occasion, work together, and crush this attempt to return Oregon medical cannabis to the dark ages.

Please help protect Oregon's patients

This initiative would abolish Oregon's Medical Marijuana Program, instantly making criminals of over 16,000 sick Oregon patients. Prohibitionists even plan a tax-payer-funded-gift to the pharmaceutical industry by requiring the state of Oregon to purchase less-effective prescription drugs, like Marinol, for Oregon's medical marijuana

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L.A. DEA Threatens Landlords of Medical Cannabis Coops With Forfeiture

In an attack on access to medical marijuana in the nation's second largest city, the LA DEA office has mailed notices to landlords of Prop 215 coops warning them that they are liable to forfeiture and criminal penalties for allowing medical marijuana facilities on their property. So far, some 20 letters have been reported dispensaries in the LA area, but the DEA is said to have sent out some 100 letters. Included are numerous well regarded, established facilities with known no complaints. The action is aimed at coercing landlords to evict medical cannabis coops despite state allowing them.

California NORML regards this as a serious attack on patients' access to medical marijuana under Prop. 215.

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all-volunteer, not-forprofit project to record and broadcast news, announcements and information about medical cannabis.

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About MERCY

MERCY is a not-for-profit, grass roots organization founded by patients, their friends and family and other compassionate and concerned citizens in the area and is dedicated to helping and advocating for those involved with the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP). MERCY is based in the Salem area and staffed on a volunteer basis.

The purpose is to get medicine to patients in the shortterm while working with them to establish their own independent sources. To this end they provide, among other things, ongoing education to clinics, individual physicians and other healthcare providers about the OMMP, cannabis as medicine and doctor rights in general.

MERCY wants to be a strong patient advocate, which can manifest itself in a variety of ways. One of these has been maintaining lines of communication with other patient advocates and the OMMP director and workers, which we are trying to do.. At the same time we attempt Doctor education and support programs, and Patient and Caregiver projects like learning to grow and different methods for consumption. These are especially important for the first time medical cannabis user as well as those unable to apply their medication.

We Need a Place. During the past year MERCY has assisted a number of people in getting into the OMMP as well as helping them find access to excess medicine. Through the above actions, MERCY intends to build a volunteer base for constant recruitment & administration of the organization for the future. Through marketing and communications we hope to coordinate with business and organizations to make a lasting, positive change in the community.

The mission of the organization is to help people and change the laws so that action like this isn't necessary any more. We advocate reasonable, fair and effective marijuana laws and policies, and strive to educate, register and empower voters to implement such policies. Our philosophy is one of teaching people to fish, rather than being dependent upon others. Lasting change will require that each citizen be active enough to register and effectively vote. You, and only you, the people, can make it happen. We will help in any way we can, but you have to tell us what you need. Work with us to make this your "tool shed", or resource guide, to successful medical cannabis utilization and activism.

Monthly Meetings and Office Hours

One of the missions of MERCY is to establish regular gettogethers in each community where the are (or will be!) medical

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< continued from previous page > cannabis patients. The purpose is to get patients networking and self-sufficient within their neighborhoods, assist those seeking information about the OMMP and pass on (or pick up!) action items of interest to the group. Unfortunately, **No more meetings on** the Last Thursday of the Month in Salem. The building hosting the MERCY Office in Salem is being sold. MERCY Office will NOT be Open to network patients to medicine and other resources. Looking for another Place! We need another place in the Salem area to update our members and attending public with current status and action items surrounding the issues affecting the medical cannabis community well as registering voters, distributing literature and networking ideas. The goal of the meetings is to service:

- * **People** seeking to join the OMMP or public wanting general info, usually for a friend or family member.
- * Patients and CareGivers wanting to network. This is being planned in conjunction with other meetings and other lines of communication for the OOMPAH. (add link to meeting network and bulletin boards)
- * **Activists** exchanging information and resources.

Please help us help the sick and dying, if you have any info or ideas on places we can use contact us. For more info Visit:

http://mercycenters.org/events/Meet PUB.htm

The medical cannabis community in general needs places to -

- Just Meet. (people) "Meetings, Meet Ups, Gatherings and Events for no specific purpose". No exchange of resources -ormedicating, just info. A Public Place to Meet the public (plus!) and educate at all levels on "How To" and OMMA in general. Network leads and contacts to resources, but have no "hard" assets (medicine, plants) on the premises.
- More places that we can post a Bulletin Board with News and Announcements, or Posters for events. (literature) Dedicated Public Places for "soft" assets (just info) ones that are willing to hand out flyers or carry the newsletter or related literature. Like Coffeehouse Café in Salem and Third Eye in Portland.
- Distribute and Network. "Meetings, Gatherings and Events for a purpose". (resources) A more Private place that allows

exchange of resources - at some level, otherwise parking lots and state parks become the alternatives. Exchange of "closed" (pre-packaged) resources which remain obstensibly out of public view, like that which occurs at government buildings in Tigard thru OGF.

- Creating (Defining) places where folks can medicate would be nice. (ALL - people, medicating {smoking}; literature; resources) "Dedicated Meetings, Gatherings and Events for a specific purpose". A business, organization or private party willing to allow a place and time for patients who are out and about; host cooking classes or grow clinics; or other locations for "hard" assets needed by the community. Places where Patients can relax, spend time and securely network with others. Like Pho's and Mt. Tabor in Portland. Would most likely need to be a non-public, agesensitive, etc., (controlled) event in these cases.

If you have any information or ideas, please let us know. Contact MERCY - the Medical Cannabis Resource Center by phone: 503.363-4588 or email: mercy_salem@hotmail.com

MERCY on the Tube

Eugene Cannabis TeleVision is shown on cable in the Salem, Oregon area thru Capital Community Television, Channel 23. See it TUE @ 11 pm, THU @ 1 pm, FRI @ 11 am -or-SAT @ 11pm. Many Thanks to CCtv, ECTV, and volunteer Peke.

<continued from "SUPPORT PATIENTS", pg 1> Administration (DEA) from federally prosecuting state-authorized medical cannabis patients and their care-givers. MERCY is asking you to take two actions to help shelter these seriously ill patients from the government's war on cannabis consumers.

ACTIONS TO TAKE on the Hinchey-Rohrabacher Amendment

1) E-mail or call your Representative, visit: www.house.gov/Welcome.shtml For your convenience, a pre-written letter is available here:

capwiz.com/norml2/issues/alert/?alertid=9998376

2) Forward this alert to your friends and family.

Eighty percent of the American public supports the physician-supervised use of cannabis as a medicine, and they do not wish to see their tax dollars wasted < continued next page >

< continued from previous page > by those in Congress who would target the sick and dying in their overzealous war on drugs. It is time for Congress to stop the war on patients. An example letter -

Dear Rep. XXX

I'm asking you to support the health and welfare of patients who use medicinal cannabis under a doctor's supervision in compliance with state law.

Specifically, I'm asking you to support a forthcoming amendment to the Science, State, and Justice appropriations bill that would bar the US Department of Justice and DEA from prosecuting qualified patients in states that allow for the physician-supervised use of medical cannabis. This amendment, to be introduced by Representatives Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), would prohibit the Justice Department from spending public funds to interfere with state laws in the twelve states that allow for the limited use of cannabis by state-authorized patients.

The Hinchey/Rohrabacher amendment would not change the status of medical marijuana under federal law. Rather, it will simply protect those medical marijuana patients who live in states that explicitly permit the use of medicinal cannabis when sanctioned by a physician.

When the Science, State, and Justice appropriations bill is debated in the coming weeks, I urge you to support the Hinchey/Rohrabacher medical marijuana amendment and stop Washington's war on patients.

Sincerely, Your Name

<continued from "OMMA ALSO UNDER ATTACK", pg 1> patients, who they intend to treat like criminals. This terrible initiative has national implications because the if riaht-wina Republicans, insurance companies, and Big Pharma manage to dismantle the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program, they will be emboldened to kill the programs of all of the other medical marijuana states. This is an important time for our movement and all of us, especially sick patients, need us to move forward, not back to a time where grandmothers stricken with glaucoma and cancer are treated as drug dealers. The Act can be read at:

http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/irr/2008/104text.pdf

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<u>Talking Points</u> To what "abuse of the MMA do they refer? This would be, it seems to us, a soft place in logic and would require some major evidence to prove.

Also, there is report after report, study after study that attests that its definitely more efficacious when ingested by smoking or vaporizing as opposed to Marinol. Folks we know have tried Marinol and it was completely ineffective, and had uncomfortable and intractable diarrhea as one side-effect.

SO, WHAT'S NEXT? the Prohibitionists have filed this initiative for the November 2008 ballot. It has a preliminary ballot title that fails to mention the repeal of the OMMA. It has been challenged. If I-104 survives any challenges and become a petition, they must collect the required signatures by July 3, 2008 for the measure to appear on the ballot. If they collect sufficient signatures then the measure would be voted on at the November 2008 general election.

There are several possible desirable outcomes. Soundly defeating the measure at the 2008 election would be one. Convincing the Prohibitionists to refile their initiative without the repeal OMMA portion would be another. Them failing to get enough signatures would mean that there would be no vote and nothing would happen.

MERCY intends to resist these Prohibitionist assaults on OMMA. We will be gathering more information and will report back on a regular basis. PLEASE let us know if you or your group find out anything, get any feedback, etc.

We REALLY need to Watchdog, Lobby and Network on this Folks! Dealing with the Prohibitionists - and this method of getting rid of OMMA - is not a one shot deal. If they get this idea on the ballot what we will need to do is engage in a campaign to defeat the measure. This will mean writing letters, registering voters, raising money etc. If it does not get on the ballot, then we'll likely see this or something like it later by some other path. We must be ever vigilant. Its not something any of us can do once and think that is enough.

We have flyers on this issue on our website. Print these off, then Post, Hand Out and otherwise distribute all over the place. visit:

www.mercycenters.org/action/alert.html

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<continued from "DEA THREATENS LANDLORDS", pg 1> "The DEA has no business interfering in California's medical marijuana law," says California NORML coordinator Dale Gieringer, "This action will only serve to drive patients to the illegal market and aggravate marijuana crime." In addition to serving over 100,000 patients, medical cannabis coops currently generate thousands of legal jobs and millions of dollars in tax revenues in the LA area.

So far, all of the DEA's letters have been targeted to the LA area. No letters have been reported in surrounding counties. The operation appears timed to co-opt a pending LA dispensary ordinance that is expected to regulate and cap the number of dispensaries. At this point, Cal NORML sees no basis for expecting a larger state-wide sweep.

Cal NORML attorneys warn that there is no legal defense to federal forfeiture charges. Once landlords have received notice from the DEA, they can no longer claim to be "innocent owners." Forfeiture attorneys typically advise landlords who have received such notices to promptly insist their tenants desist from illegal activity and/or evict them. The validity of federal forfeiture has been repeatedly upheld by the federal courts, most notably in the case of the LA Cannabis Resource Center, where the government successfully forfeited \$300K from the city of West Hollywood for leasing a building to the LACRC.

It is unclear to what extent the DEA is prepared to follow through on their threat of arresting landlords. Any forfeiture sweep would have to be conducted in cooperation with the LA US Attorney's office. It's unknown whether this has been arranged. The most likely scenario is that there will be widespread evictions and shutdowns, followed by a few selected forfeiture prosecutions to scare remaining landlords.

Those landlords most vulnerable are those with the most equity in their property, since the government likes to make as much money as possible on forfeitures.

The DEA's attack on medical marijuana comes just as Congress is about to vote on a measure to deny federal funding for federal medical marijuana raids, namely the Hinchey-Rohrabacher amendment. NOW is the time to tell Congress members to oppose the federal government's attack on medical marijuana. Visit NORML's action alert at: http://capwiz.com/norml2/issues/alert/?alertid=9998376.

Cannabis cooperatives who are moving or suspending operations are urged to change their listings at Cal NORML's website http://www.canorml.org/prop/cbcllist.htm.

POT GROUP SUES TO MAKE FEDS EAT WORDS

If Group Can Overcome Standing
Challenge, Other Would-Be Litigants Might
Mimic Strategy to Oppose Variety of
Federal Policies

Medical marijuana advocates and federal prosecutors have never agreed on whether the drug has medical value. Now, an Oakland, Calif.-based advocacy group wants a court order that would force the feds to see it their way.

Americans for Safe Access is trying to use a little-known Clinton-era law to make federal agencies take back statements about marijuana - for example, that pot has "no currently accepted medical use." The group says this "misinformation" costs it time and money to refute. But before the nonprofit can put any experts on the witness stand, it has to overcome a challenge to its standing to sue. The government's motion to dismiss the case is scheduled to be heard today before U.S. District Judge William Alsup of the Northern District of California.

ASA sued in February under the Information Quality Act. That law calls on federal agencies to maximize the "quality, objectivity, utility and integrity" of information they send out to the public, and it includes an administrative process for people who seek to correct inaccuracies.

In 2001 the Drug Enforcement Administration published a statement in the Federal Register saying marijuana has no currently accepted medical use in the United States.

ASA, claiming that the government's position on medical marijuana is "patently false," petitioned the Department of Health and Human Services, so far unsuccessfully, to correct the statements in its analysis. "Of course courts are going to be leery to jump into the politics of applying science" to public policy, said Davis Wright Tremaine partner Thomas Burke, a San Francisco lawyer who is not working on the case. The First Amendment lawyer notes that if the ASA's challenge survives the dismissal motion, activists of all stripes who oppose government policies may want to give the strategy a try. In the past

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"The use of the statute would be very important to watch, given all of the headline-grabbing claims that the Bush administration has essentially used politics to trump science," he noted. To get any satisfaction out of the courts, though, ASA first has to overcome the government's standing argument.

In court papers, Department of Justice attorney Steven Bressler argues that Alsup should dismiss ASA v. Department of Health and Human Services, 07-01049, because ASA hadn't identified any members who suffered any harm due to the "allegedly incorrect statement," and because the group lacks standing to sue on its own behalf.

To sue for itself, and not its members, Bressler said the issue in the suit has to be "germane to the plaintiff's organizational purpose." He points the court to ASA's Web site, noting that its mission there was described as "ensur[ing] safe and legal access to cannabis (marijuana) for therapeutic uses and research." Suing over alleged "misinformation," he argues, won't further that goal.

"It would not make marijuana use any more (or less) safe. Nor would a correction change the fact that DEA continues to list marijuana as a schedule I [illegal] drug," he wrote. In an e-mail, Bressler said he wasn't authorized to discuss the case further outside of court. ASA has countered in its own court papers that its stated purpose is broader, and includes providing medical information to patients, attorneys, health and medical professionals and policymakers throughout the United States.

In a brief by its lawyer, Stanford law professor Alan Morrison, ASA argues that it can satisfy the standing requirements by alleging that the government's statements increased the resources ASA had to spend on its work.

According to Morrison, the group has spent more than \$100,000 and hundreds of hours of staff time combating the government's position. A favorable decision in court would reduce the need to spend that money, he added. Even though a favorable ruling wouldn't legalize marijuana, he said it could encourage people to lobby Congress to reform the drug laws.

"There's lots of perfectly lawful uses of that information," he said.

Source: Recorder, The (CA) -. * Website: http://www.law.com/jsp/ca/index.jsp * Cited: www.AmericansforSafeAccess.org

Need Medical Cannabis Resources? NetWork!

- * Patients current and to be can Ask Medication questions about how to apply and get answers from those who have already experienced the issues.
- * Patients can meet with Caregivers Caregivers can meet with Patients.
- * Growing Patients and CareGivers can Ask grow questions and get answers from Oregon's best medical marijuana growers.
- * Non-CardHolders and CardHolders alike can Learn the legal details of Oregon's Medical Marijuana Act and the most recent laws and rules changes - and what they can do about them.

NetWork! At meeting and meet-ups hosted by these non-profit organizations -

* Medical Cannabis Network opportunity in Sweet Home. First Monday of the month, starting at 7pm. At the American Legion Building, 1127 Long Street, Sweet Home, Oregon, 97386. Call 503.363-4588 -or- visit:

mercycenters.org/events/Meet_PUB_Sweet.htm

Oregon Green Free (OGF) is a OMMP CardHolder-based virtual community that networks on-line and arranges meet-ups and other activity around the state. <u>Contact info</u>: mail to Oregon Green Free HQ, 2375 SE 174th Ave., Portland, Oregon, or phone: 503.760-2671 * or visit: http://www.oregongreenfree.com

OGF Meet-Up Info:

- * Second Saturday of the Month, usually Noon * Oregon Green Free (OGF-Eug) Meeting, Growers Market, 454 Willamette St in **Eugene**. NOTE: You do NOT need an OMMP card or other requirements, as far as we know.
 - * 1st Wed of every month * at Stark Street Pizza (Portland), 7 pm * OGF (PDX) * Social meeting, Open to public.
- * Every 2nd Saturday of the month * at DHS building in LaGrande at Noon * OGF East * The La Grande area chapter holds its meetings at Integrated Services Building (DHS, Sr. & Disabled) 1607 Gekeler Lane, which is on or near the Blue Mountain Community College. General Meet-Up, open to the public.
- * Every 3rd Saturday of the month * at the Tigard Town Hall (Tigard) at 12:30 * OGF PDX West * Meeting, open to the public.

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- * Every 3rd Saturday of the month * at the Cape Ferrelo Fire Hall, north of Brookings from 1pm til 4pm * OGF-South-Coast * The Cape Ferrelo Fire Hall is at 96349 Cape Ferrelo Road, Brookings Oregon. Cape Ferrelo Road East is off HWY 101 north of Brookings, about 3 miles up on the left. * Meeting. Open to the public.
- * Every 4th Saturday of the month * at Big Blue, the Oregon Green Free (OGF) Patient Resource Center at 2 pm * OGF-PDX-East * Meeting, open to the public. * Big Blue is located at 2375 SE 174th Ave., Portland, Ore. 97233 * Ph: 503-760-2671 * Fax: 503-715-0120
- * Every 4th Saturday of the month * in the Westlake Restaurant in Seaside at Noon * OGF North Coast * Meeting. Open to the public.

Got a Place? Or an Idea? Post It! at > www.MercyCenters.org

Medical Cannabis Information Resources

"Medical Marijuana Law," a book co-authored by Richard Glen Boire, of the Center for Cognitive Liberty (www.cognitiveliberty.org), and Kevin Feeney * Medical Marijuana Law offers a complete overview of federal law and each of the 11 state medical marijuana programs. MMJ Law discusses the medical necessity defense in depth, how to qualify for each state program, the legal rights of patients and the role and legal rights of caregivers, how to deal with cops and how to remain legal under your state's law. MMJ Law also explores the rights and responsibilities of physicians who recommend marijuana, and explains how physicians can avoid legal troubles.

In addition to the above, MMJ Law contains a resource guide for each state, listing the prominent clinics and patient advocacy organizations in each state, contains the Marijuana Policy Project's Model Medical Marijuana Bill, a forward by Frank Lucido, MD, one of the prominent marijuana docs in California, and an article by Dale Gieringer (NORML) providing advice to medical marijuana providers.

The book is 190 pages and retails at 14.95, but is available on Amazon at a reduced price. Clinics who wish to stock this book should visit the website of Ronin Publishing at -

www.roninpub.com/ord whole.html

Web sites to visit:

- * A guide to OMMA and medical cannabis in general. The OMMA Web Page by Rick Bayer, MD, FACP. Visit: www.omma1998.org
 - * 1999 Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Sciences Report "Marijuana And Medicine:

Assessing The Science Base" By Janet E. Joy, Stanley J. Watson, Jr. And John Benson Jr., Editors. Visit: www.nap.edu/catalog/6376.html

GW Pharmaceuticals Inc. * a pharmaceutical company developing a portfolio of prescription medicines derived from cannabis to meet patient needs in a wide range of therapeutic indications. Contact: Porton Down Science Park, Salisbury, Wilts, SP4 0JQ, United Kingdom * Tel: 01980 557000 * Fax: 01980 557111 *

http://www.gwpharm.com/

Cannabis Medicine Internationale (IACM) * a scientific society advocating the improvement of the legal situation for the use of the hemp plant and its pharmacologically most important active compounds, through promotion of research and dissemination of information. <u>Contact</u>: IACM - Cannabis Medicine Intl * Arnimstrasse 1A, 50825 Cologne, Germany * Phone: +49-221-9543 9229 * Fax: +49-221-1300591 * **www.acmed.org**

Oregon State Clinics:

Alternative Medicine Outreach Program (AMOP) * 455 W. Corey Ct., ROSEBURG, Oregon 97470 * Phone: 541-440-1934 * 541-440-1943 FAX * Office Hours: 9:30-12:00 & 1:00-5:00, Monday-Friday * or visit: http://www.amop.org

(Eugene) Compassion Center * 2055 W. 12th Ave., Eugene, OR 97402 * PH# (541) 484-6558 * FAX (541) 484-0891 * Office Hours: Tuesday and Friday - Noon to 6pm * visit:

http://www.compassioncenter.net

Mothers Against Misuse and Abuse (MAMA) * 5217 SE 28th (Steele & 28th) * 10:00AM to 4:00PM, Tues – Fri * Now holding clinics, call: **503-233-4202** -or- visit:

http://mamas.org/Clinics.htm

The Hemp & Cannabis Foundation (THCf) * 4259 NE Broadway St. * <u>PORTLAND</u> (Hollywood dist) - call for an appointment: 503.235-4606 *

http://www.thc-foundation.org

VOTER POWER * 3236 SE 50th Ave Portland, OR 97202 * Phone: (503) 224 3051 / (503) 235 5305 * Fax: (503) 235 5365 * http://www.voterpower.org

HOW TO - a Guideline for Completing the Application for Registration in the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program

Step (1) - Get Forms from the OHD (among other sources) and begin the process of Applying. The OMMP sometimes has packets at the front desk (Oregon Health Division, 800 NE Oregon St., Portland, OR 97232) and there are numerous organizations that also provide copies of the forms in print as well as thru their websites. Get and fill out the Application for Registration in the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act Program. If possible, go right to the source and call (971) 673-1226 and ask a representative of the Oregon Health Division for an OMMA application packet - or - write to OHD, P.O. Box 14450, Portland, OR 97293-0450 and they'll send you one. Or visit their website:

http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ommp/

... and download forms from there.

Form Instruction NOTES: (a) Please complete Part A of the Application Form. Please provide a copy of a photo identification card as requested. If information on the front of the card is not current (for example, if your address has changed) please also photocopy the back of the id. (b) If a person over the age of 18 provides assistance to you, and you would like for that person to also receive a registration card, please complete Part B of the form, and provide a copy of photo I..D. of the primary caregiver. [Note: there is no additional fee for a primary caregiver registration card.] (c) Completion of Part C is optional. Please be sure to sign your name in Part D. (d) If you are a minor (under the age of 18), your parent or guardian must complete the Declaration of Person with Primary Custody of a Minor form. The form must also be notarized.

Step (2) - Set an appointment & have your doctor sign the Oregon Health Dept. **form** - or - get a copy of your chart notations showing medical marijuana "may help alleviate symptoms". Your physician must be an MD or a DO licensed to practice in Oregon under ORS 677. He or she must provide signed, valid, written documentation stating that you are his/her patient, that you have been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition covered by the Act, and that the medical use of marijuana may mitigate the symptoms or effects of your condition. This documentation may be in the form of a copy of your chart notes, a letter, or the attached Attending Physician's Statement form. [Note: chart notes or a letter must include all elements of the Attending Physician's Statement form.

Step (3) - **Send in your application with registration fee.** In order for your application to be complete, a fee of must be paid by check or money order. As of Jan. 1st, 2006, the fee is determined by the following:

- * \$100 for new applications;
- * \$100 for renewal applications;
- * \$20 for applicants who are enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan or who receive federal Supplementary Social Security Income.

To qualify for the \$20 fee, applicants must submit documentation that verifies they are on the Oregon Health Plan or are receiving Supplemental Social Security income Please make payable to: Oregon Health Division and send payment with your application forms and/or other materials. All information will be verified.

Step (4) - Wait. All information will be verified. Upon receipt of a complete application, you will be issued a medical marijuana registration card by the Oregon Health Division. Please call (971) 673-1226 if you have any questions.