Medical Cannabis: USA

Federal: Legislation, Court Decisions and Commentaries

- The Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Science - "Marijuana and Medicine: Assessing the Science Base"
- Chronic Cannabis Use in the Compassionate Investigational New Drug Program: An Examination of Benefits and Adverse Effects of Legal Clinical Cannabis

This study was proposed to investigate the therapeutic benefits and adverse effects of prolonged use of "medical marijuana" in a cohort of seriously ill patients. It looks at the long-term effects of cannabis on patients who have used a known dosage of a standardized, heat-sterilized quality-controlled supply of low-grade marijuana for 11 to 27 years. 2002

Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

- Exposing the Myth of Medical Marijuana

Drug Policy Alliance

- Marijuana: The Facts
- Medical Marijuana ProCon.org

U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

- Frequently Asked Questions on Drug Development and Investigational New Drug Applications
- United States General Accounting Office November 2002 Report to the Chairman, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, Committee on Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives called "MARIJUANA - Early Experiences with Four States' Laws That Allow Use for Medical Purposes"

Federal Legislation

- Controlled Substances Act

USA Court Decisions

- Supreme Court Decision. US Attorney General vs Raich et. al. June 2005
- National Conference of State Legislatures: US Supreme Court hears Ashcroft V. Raich
- US Attorney General V. Raich, et al. (29 November 2004) - oral transcript of the argument before the US Supreme Court
- Raich and Monson V. US Attorney General (December 2003). US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit - transcript of decision
- Appeals Court decision to protect doctors discussing the use of cannabis with their patients. In October 2003, the US Supreme Court decided to not review this decision.
- United States v. Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative (US Supreme Court – 14 May 2001)

The US Supreme Court decided that there is no medical necessity exception to the Federal Government's Controlled Substances Act's prohibitions on manufacturing and distributing marijuana.

State: Legislation and Programs

Active State medicinal marijuana laws

Alaska

- SB94 (effective 6 Feb. 1999)
- Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics: Medical Marijuana Registry

Arizona

- Ballot Proposition 203 (effective 5 Nov., 1996) - The Drug Medicalization, Prevention and Control Act of 2002

California

- SB 420 (effective 1 Jan., 2004)
- Proposition 36: The Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act

The Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act, also known as Proposition 36, was passed by 61% of California voters on November 7, 2000. This initiative allows first- and second-time, non-violent, simple drug possession offenders the opportunity to receive substance abuse treatment instead of incarceration. From here you can access the full-text of the Act.

- California Health & Safety Code Section 11362.5
- The California Compassionate Use Act (Proposition 215): Legislation
- California Medical Marijuana Information

Information from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) about medical marijuana in California.

- Center for Medicinal Cannabis Research (CMCR)

A Research Center that is part of the University of California

Colorado

- Medical Use of Marijuana
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Hawaii

- In Search of a Viable Distribution System for Hawaii's Medical Marijuana Program
Legislation

- HB398: A Bill relating to Medical Marijuana Status
- SB1354: A Bill relating to Medical Marijuana Status
- HB1046: Relating to Controlled Substances Status
- SB128: Relating to Controlled Substances Status
- SB128 SD1: Relating to Controlled Substances Status
- SB128 SD1 HD1: Relating to Controlled Substances Status

- The Medical Use of Marijuana: A guide to Hawaii laws for physicians, patients and caregivers

Maine
- Medical Marijuana Act

Montana
- Initiative No. 148 (effective 2 Nov. 2004)
- Montana Medical Marijuana Program

Nevada
- NAC 459A (Medical Use of Marijuana)
- Medical Marijuana Initiative

Oregon
- Medical Marijuana Act - Chapter 475 - 2001 Edition
- Measure 33: Petition to Amend the Medical Marijuana Act
- Ballot Measure 33 - Explanatory Statement
- Oregon Medical Marijuana Program: Department of Human Services
- Oregon Judicial Department Appellate Court Opinions, Washburn v. Forest Products, Inc. (12 Jan, 2005)

Vermont
- H.0441: 2005-2006 Legislative Session
  - Currently in the House
  - Vermont Criminal Information Center: A Guide for Patients and Physicians

Washington State
- SB5943 (introduced 16 Feb, 2005)
- Washington State Department of Health. Questions and Answers. Medical Marijuana

States where legislation has been introduced or proposed

Alabama
- HB703 (introduced 31 March, 2005)

Illinois
- Bill HB5047 (introduced 26 Jan., 2005)
  - Status

Minnesota
- HF2151 (introduced 29 March, 2005)
- SF1973 (introduced 29 March, 2005)

New Hampshire
- HB0238 (introduced 6 Jan., 2005)

New Jersey
- SB2200 (introduced 11 Jan., 2005)

New Mexico
- SB492 - Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act
- SB795 - The Lynn Pierson Compassionate Use Act
- SB891 - Medical Therapeutic Use of Cannabis Act

New York
- Bill S01062 (introduced 24 Jan., 2005)

South Dakota
- House Bill 1109 - An Act to provide for cerain uses of medical marijuana. (introduced 25 Jan., 2005)

Rhode Island
- Bill H6052 (introduced 1 March, 2005)

Texas
- HB658 (introduced 5 April, 2005)
  - Status

Tennessee
- HB968 (introduced 3 Feb., 2005)
- SB1842 (introduced 8 Feb., 2005)