

# Medical Cannabis-Infused Product Administration Training

July 1, 2025

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# Who is Required to Complete this Training?

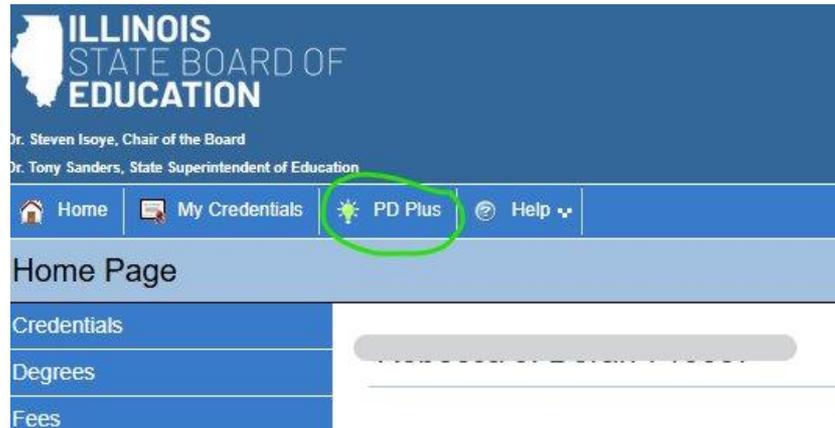
School nurses\* and school administrators must complete this training annually prior to administering medical cannabis-infused products to students.

\*For the purpose medical cannabis administration, a school nurse is defined as one who holds a Professional Educator License (PEL) as a school support personnel school nurse. See [105 ILCS 5/10-22.23](#).

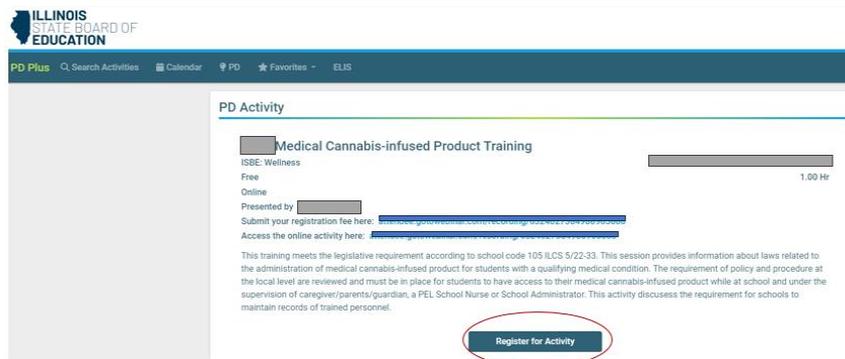
# Questions?

- Email: [schoolnurse@isbe.net](mailto:schoolnurse@isbe.net)
- Webinar recording and FAQ to be posted on the [ISBE School Health webpage](#).

# Professional Development PEL School Nurse and Administrator



- PEL school nurses and administrators who view this webinar may obtain professional development credit by following these steps:
  - Log in to ELIS Account.
  - Select the PD Plus icon.
  - Open a new tab.
  - Then click on the link shared with you to register for Medical Cannabis 2025 PD Activity.
  - You will be directed to REGISTER for Activity **within PD Plus.**



# Professional Development PEL School Nurse and Administrator

The screenshot shows the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) PD Plus portal. At the top, the ISBE logo and 'PD Plus' are visible. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar and a 'PD' icon. The main content area displays a progress bar for 'Professional Educator License' for the cycle '07/01/2022 - 06/30/2027', indicating '20 PD HRS Owed'. A red arrow points to a link labeled '77-21A Survey' within an 'Action Required' notification box. Below this, two training activities are listed: '2024 Medical Cannabis-Infused Product Training' (0.1 hr) and 'ISBE's 2023-2024 Medical Cannabis Infused Product Administration Training' (1.00 hr).

- Once the activity is completed, ISBE will confirm your credentials and attendance.
- After the evaluation survey is completed, PD hours and Evidence of Completion form will show in your PD Plus account.

# Professional Development Credit Non-PEL Nurses and Other School Personnel



Training Opportunities



• Medical Cannabis-Infused Product Administration Training/Seminar

- See recorded webinar [here](#) .
- Participants must complete the [Evaluation Survey](#) in order to obtain a Professional Development

Find the link for the recorded webinar on ISBE's School Health webpage > blue bar labeled "Training Opportunities" > heading "Medical Cannabis-Infused Product Administration Training/Seminar."

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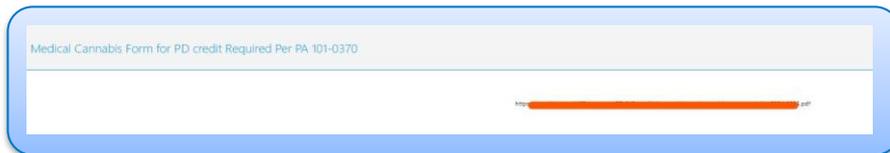
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Cannabis Form for PD credit Required Per PA 101-0370

Form fields include:

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Once finding the evaluation survey link on ISBE's School Health [webpage](#):

- Click to complete the survey.
- A page will open with a link to the Evidence of completion form.
- Copy from "<https://> -to- .pdf."
- Paste that into a new browser page.
- Download or print the Evidence of Completion form for your records.
- This will be the only opportunity to access the confirmation of the ISBE PD hours.

# Purpose of Training

- This training meets the requirements of [Public Act 101-0370](#), amended School Code 105 ILCS 5/22-33).
  - Curriculum developed by Illinois State Board of Education in consultation with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).
  - Covers administration of medical cannabis-infused product to students with qualifying health condition while at school or during a school activity.
  - Annual training for school nurse and school administrators who supervise self-administration of a medical cannabis-infused product.
  - Records of completion of this training for school nurses and school administrators are to be kept at the local level.

## Purpose of Training

- Information regarding medical cannabis for youth with qualifying health conditions.
- Awareness for school personnel regarding the process for development of medical cannabis policy.
- Sharing information about types of medical cannabis infused products for youth with qualifying health conditions.
- Listing regulatory bodies related to medical cannabis.

## Goals for This Presentation

- Become familiar with current Illinois medical cannabis laws.
- Know the requirements for administration of medical cannabis-infused products to qualifying patients.
- Know how to supervise a student qualifying patient who will be self-administering medical cannabis-infused products.
- Become aware of how medical cannabis administration policy is developed.

# Overview of Medical Cannabis Laws in Illinois

# History of Ashley's Law

- Illinois Public Act 100-0660 , also known as Ashley's Law, was enacted in 2018. The Act was named for Ashley Surin of Schaumburg.
- At that time, it permitted a parent, guardian, or caregiver to supervise or administer a medical cannabis-infused product.
- An expansion of Ashley's Law in 2020 allows a student who is a registered qualifying patient to self-administer a medical cannabis-infused product under the direct supervision of a school nurse or school administrator.
  - [PA 101-0370](#)
  - [105 ILCS 5/22-33](#)



Ashley Surin with her parents (photo from <https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/ashleys-law-ashley-surin-medical-marijuana-at-school-illinois-law/>)

# Current Illinois Statutes - Medical Cannabis

- [Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act](#)
  - 410 ILCS 130/
- [Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Rules](#)
  - 77 Ill. Admin. Code 946
- [Ashley's Law](#)
  - 105 ILCS 5/22-33



# Oversight Bodies

- Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) -- Governing body for the patient registry program under the Medical Cannabis Program.
- Illinois Department of Financial Professional Regulation -- Governing body for the licensing of dispensaries under the Medical Cannabis Program and for licensing of registered professional nurses.
- ISBE -- Governing body for the administration of medical cannabis-infused products in a school setting. See 105 ILCS 5/22-33.
- Illinois Department of Agriculture -- Governing body for registering and regulating cultivation centers.

# Developing a Medical Cannabis School Policy

## Policy Consideration

- A school district, public school, charter school, or nonpublic school shall adopt a medical cannabis policy, making sure to include information on:
  - Administration methods.
  - Proof of annual training.
  - Acceptable written authorizations.
  - Before- and after-school care.
  - Bus transportation and school-sponsored activities.
  - Providing supply of product.
  - Storage, supply, and accessibility.
  - Student discipline.

## Policy Consideration

- A school district, public school, charter school, or nonpublic school may not authorize the use of a medical cannabis-infused product if the school district or school would lose federal funding as a result of the authorization.
- Administration of medical cannabis-infused products must not:
  - Create a disruption to the school's educational environment.
  - Cause exposure of the product to other students.

# Administration of Medical Cannabis-Infused Products

## Who can administer?

Schools have three options for administration and must design their policies around one, two, or all three of these:

- Designated caregiver.
- Trained Professional Educator License (PEL) school nurse or school administrator.
- A student may self-administer under the direct supervision of a trained school nurse or administrator.

No school personnel may be forced to administer medical cannabis-infused products. However, policies may not be crafted in such a way as to deny a student who is a registered qualified patient access to medical cannabis-infused product.

## Who: Designated Caregiver

- A parent, guardian, or any other individual registered with IDPH can be a designated caregiver for a student who is a registered qualifying patient.
- Designated caregiver who administers medical cannabis to the child during school shall remove the product from the school premises or school bus.
- The product may not be administered in a manner that would:
  - Create a disruption to the school's educational environment.
  - Cause exposure of the product to other students.

## Who: Trained PEL School Nurse or School Administrator

- A properly trained school nurse or administrator shall be allowed to administer the medical cannabis-infused product to the student.
  - A school nurse or administrator must annually complete ISBE’s training curriculum prior to administering a medical cannabis-infused product to a student.
- A member of a school's staff cannot be required to administer a medical cannabis-infused product to a student.
- School nurses with questions about nursing licensure, duties, responsibilities, or obligations under the Nurse Practice Act should contact the [Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation](#).

## Who: School Nurse Qualifications

School nurse means any registered professional nurse who holds a Professional Educator License endorsed for school support services in school nursing. See 105 ILCS 5/10-22.23.

The designated nurse must also complete the ISBE/IDPH training on an annual basis.

## Who: Student Self-Administration

- A student who is a registered qualifying patient may self-administer (not self-carry) a medical cannabis-infused product under the direct supervision of a trained school nurse or school administrator.

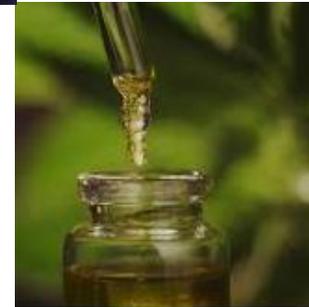


## What products?

- Products must be:
  - Purchased by a qualifying patient/caregiver from a licensed dispensing organization.
  - In a verifiable container from licensed dispensary.
  - Properly labeled with qualifying patient information.
  - Packaged according to the [Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act](#).

# Acceptable Medical Cannabis-Infused Products

- Oils
- Ointments
- Foods
- Patches
- Other products that contain usable cannabis that are NOT smoked or vaped



## CBD Products -- Unregulated

- *CBD is NOT a medical cannabis product for purposes of the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.*
- CBD is a cannabinol.
- CBD contains no or small amounts of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).
- **CBD oil and others (like those available at many retail outlets and online):**
  - Are NOT regulated.
  - NO quality control.
- Schools should consult their legal counsel for policy development regarding use or administration of CBD products.

# Comparison

- Medical Cannabis
  - Requires medical authorization (two providers for under age 18).
  - Different forms of infused products.
  - Follow school/district medical cannabis policies.
- Epidiolex
  - Pharmaceutical-grade cannabidiol.
  - Approved by Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
  - Oral solution for treatment of seizures.
  - Requires a prescription
  - Follow school/district medication policies.

# When?

- Medical cannabis-infused products can be administered at school only after all the following conditions are met:
  - School has a policy in place.
  - Copies of caregiver and student patient registry identification cards are obtained by the school.
  - Training has been completed by the school nurse and/or school administrator.
  - Written authorization from parent/guardian is provided to the school.
  - Proper storage measures are practiced at the school.
  - Plans for removal of the medical cannabis product by the caregiver is arranged.

# Written Authorization



- The written authorization must specify the times where and name the circumstances when the medical cannabis-infused product must be administered.
- The written authorization and a copy of the registry identification cards must be kept on file in the health office or the office of the school nurse.
- The authorization is **effective for the school year in which it is granted and must be renewed each** subsequent school year to meet the requirements of 105 ILCS 5/22-33.
- Written authorization may be revoked if required documentation is not met or identification cards are suspended.

# Where?

A school district, public school, charter school, or nonpublic school shall allow a **school nurse or school administrator** (or a student to self-administer while being supervised by a school nurse or school administrator) to administer a medical cannabis-infused product:

- While on school premises;
- While at a school-sponsored activity; or
- Before or after normal school activities, including while the student is in school-managed before-or-after care on school-operated property, or while the student is being transported on a school bus.



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## Where: Storage

- Any medical cannabis-infused product administered either by a school nurse or administrator or self-administered under the supervision of a school nurse or administrator must always be stored with the school nurse or school administrator.
- The product is to be accessible only by the school nurse or a school administrator.



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# How?

- Oral route
  - Edibles, gummies, food products.
- Sublingual route
  - Dissolved under the tongue.
- Cutaneous route
  - Topical.
- Transdermal route
  - Patch.



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- Generally not practiced in the school setting:
  - Rectal route
    - Suppositories.
  - Injection route
  - Ocular route.
    - Eye drops.

## Adequate Supply

- 410 ILCS 130/10 (a) (1) states that an adequate supply is 2.5 ounces of usable cannabis for a period of 14 days (which may be increased by the provider to alleviate the debilitating condition) for each qualifying patient.
- Adequate supply amount for the qualifying patient is indicated on the registry identification card.
- For questions or more information regarding adequate supply, please contact the IDPH Division of Medical Cannabis:
  - Phone: 1-855-636-3688 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday
  - Email: [DPH.MedicalCannabis@Illinois.gov](mailto:DPH.MedicalCannabis@Illinois.gov)

## Recap

- Before the product can be self-administered or administered by a school nurse or a school administrator a parent/guardian must provide:
  - Written authorization.
  - Copy of the student's registry identification card, which must be kept on file in the health office or the office of a school nurse.

# Patient Qualifications

## To Qualify for a Registry Identification Card

- Be a resident of the state of Illinois.
- Have a [qualifying debilitating medical condition](#). (*List was last updated January 9, 2025.*)
- Under the age 18 must have two signed health care professional certifications:
  - Recommending health care professional.
  - Reviewing health care professional.
- Parent(s)/guardian and/ or caregiver submit a complete application.
- May submit a waiver to increase the maximum amount allowed.

# Certifying Health Care Professional

Here is a list of eligible certifying health care professionals:

- Physicians
- Advanced practice registered nurses
- Physician assistants

[410 ILCS 130/10](#)



## Registry Identification Card

- Medical cannabis registry card for a minor with a debilitating condition must be renewed on either 1-, 2-, or 3-year cycle.
- For more information on Registry Identification Cards, please contact the Division of Medical Cannabis:
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# Registry Identification Card

Go to the IDPH Medical Cannabis Program [webpage](#) to view or print qualified patient card.

## Existing Patients Resources

[Renewing Application](#)

[Extending Application](#)

[Updating Account Information](#)

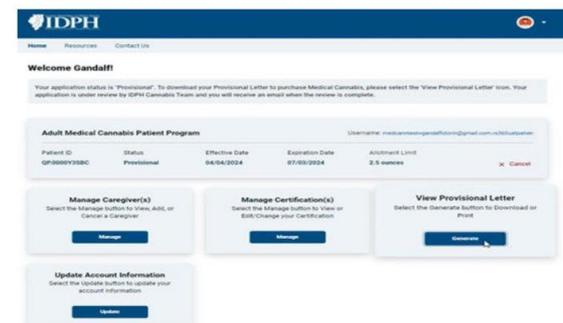
[Viewing a Cannabis Card](#)

[Canceling Application](#)

## Viewing a Cannabis Card

A cannabis card is generated once the application status is Active.

Click the **Generate** button on the View Registry ID Card on the Patient Dashboard. The cannabis card displays.



# Registering for a Medical Cannabis Card

Go to New Patient Resources > Registering a Minor Patient

Medical Cannabis Card Registration  
Registration Type Patient - Medical Cannabis Patient Program

Complete all required fields below (as indicated by \*) and select the Save & Next button at the bottom of the page.

All application forms issued by the Department shall state that no person or business may charge a fee for assistance in the preparation, completion, or submission of an application to the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program or the Opioid Alternative Pilot Program.

\*Select a Program Category

- I am an Adult Medical Cannabis Patient
- I am applying on the behalf of a Minor Medical Cannabis Patient
- I am a Wellness Medical Cannabis Patient with a 300-219
- I am an Opioid Alternative Pilot Program Patient

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## Caregiver login

Medical Cannabis Patient Registry Program

RESOURCES > LAWS & RULES >

Log in, Renew, or Apply:  
Medical Cannabis Patient Program or Opioid Alternative Patient Program

For Main Caregivers of a Minor Patient:  
Caregivers Login

# Designated Caregiver

- A designated caregiver for qualifying patients under the age of 18 must include at least one biological parent or legal guardian with decision-making responsibilities.
- Must be a resident of the state of Illinois and agree to assist with a patient's medical use of cannabis.
- May not assist more than one registered qualifying patient with his or her medical use of cannabis.

# Further Considerations

# Student Privacy

- School personnel must ensure student confidentiality by revealing only necessary health concerns and only to those individuals whose knowledge may affect the student's health.
- Regulations related to privacy related to the school setting and health conditions:
  - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g) (34 C.F.R. Part 99) ([FERPA](#)).
  - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. Pub. L. 104-191. Stat. 1936. 45 CFR [Part 160](#) and [Subparts A](#) and [Subpart C](#) of Part 164 (HIPAA).
  - Illinois School Student Records Act (105 ILCS 10/1 et seq.)(23 Ill. Admin. Code Part 375) ([ISSRA](#)).
  - Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act ([410 ILCS 130/145](#)).

## Punitive Action -- Student

- A school district/school may not discipline a student who is administered a medical cannabis-infused product in accordance with the school's Medical Cannabis Administration policy
- A school district/school may not deny the student's eligibility to attend school solely because the student requires the administration of the product.

## **Punitive Action -- School Nurse/School Administrator**

- A school nurse or school administrator is not subject to arrest, prosecution, or denial of any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, a civil penalty or disciplinary action by an occupational or professional licensing body for acting in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/22-33.

# Nursing Considerations

- Essential knowledge:
  - Scope of practice.
  - Standards of practice.
- Know current legislation:
  - Related to medical and recreational cannabis.
  - For questions regarding nursing licensure, obligations, duties, and responsibilities under the [Nurse Practice Act](#), please contact the [Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation](#).
- Working knowledge of the [Medical Cannabis Program](#) and [Illinois School Code](#):
  - Remain current with regulatory changes that impact practice.

# Further information

## Further Information

[Illinois Department of Public Health](#)

[Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation](#)

[Illinois Association of School Boards](#)

## Further Information

[National Council of State Boards of Nursing](#)

[Illinois Association of School Nurses](#)

[National Association of School Nursing](#)

[American Nurses Association-Illinois](#)

[American Cannabis Nurses Association](#)

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