Medical Marijuana Program (MMP) Presentation Summary

• Understanding the Law
• Role of Physicians
• Regulation and Legal Protections
• Where We Are Now
• Questions
Basic Timeline

- May 2012 – Public Act 12-55 becomes law
- October 2012 – Patient registration begins
- January 2013 – First draft of regulations
- April 2013 – Public hearing on Regulations
- June 2013 – Regulations submitted to General Assembly’s Regulation Review Committee
- September 2013 – Regulations effective
- September 2013 – Request for applications for producer and dispensary facility licenses
- November 2013 – Producer and dispensary facility license applications submitted
- February 2014 – Producer licenses awarded
- April 2014 – Dispensary facility licenses awarded
- September 2014 – Medical marijuana available for sale to patients
Understanding the Law

• Public Act 12-55, An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana
  • Signed into law on May 31, 2012
  • Codified at C.G.S. §§ 21a-408 to 21a-408q

• Designed to enable the palliative use of marijuana by seriously ill patients while preventing misuse or diversion

• Immunity from state criminal and civil penalties
Federal Guidance

- U.S. DoJ Enforcement Memo – August 29, 2014
- U.S. Treasury Dep’t FINCEN Memo February 14, 2014
- U.S. DoJ Financial Crimes Memo February 14, 2014
Understanding the Law: Designed to Prevent Misuse and Diversion

- Limited List of Debilitating Medical Conditions
- Physicians are the Gatekeepers
- Patients and Caregivers Must Meet Strict Requirements and Act Responsibly
- Producers and Dispensaries are Tightly Controlled
Debilitating Medical Conditions Recognized by the Law

- Cancer
- Glaucoma
- Positive status for human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome
- Parkinson’s disease
- Multiple sclerosis
- Damage to the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity
- Epilepsy
- Cachexia
- Wasting Syndrome
- Crohn’s disease
- Post-traumatic stress disorder
Physicians are the Gatekeepers

- Must have a bona-fide physician-patient relationship
- Certify if patient needs a caregiver
- Cannot financially benefit from registration beyond normal fee for office visit
If first time user, click on “Not a User? Register to become a user.”
Physician Protections

- Immunity for certifying patients: C.G.S § 21a-408c(c)
  - Not subject to arrest or prosecution, criminal or civil penalty, may not be denied right or privilege, including being subject to disciplinary action by a professional licensing board if:
    - Bona-fide physician/patient relationship
    - Performed medically reasonable patient assessment
    - Diagnosed debilitating condition
    - Explained the potential risks and benefits to the patient
    - No financial interest is a producer or dispensary facility
Board of Physicians (BOP)

- Consists of up to eight physicians
- Knowledgeable about the palliative use of marijuana
- Hold public meetings several times a year
- Advise DCP on medical aspects of program
- Evaluate petitions to add to list of debilitating medical conditions
Debilitating Medical Conditions Being Added Following a BOP Recommendation

• Sickle Cell Disease
• Post Laminectomy Syndrome with Chronic Radiculopathy
• Severe Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis
• Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig’s Disease)
• Ulcerative Colitis
• Fabry Disease
Qualified Patient Must be an Adult With a Debilitating Medical Condition

- Certified by a physician as:
  - Having a debilitating medical condition
  - Being an appropriate candidate for medical marijuana
- 18 years of age
- Connecticut resident
- Not an inmate in a Department of Corrections facility
Not Everyone Can Register as a Caregiver

- 18 years of age
- Not the patient’s physician
- Not convicted of violating certain controlled substance laws
- Where the patient lacks legal capacity, is a parent, guardian or legal custodian
- Responsible for only one patient with limited exceptions
Patients and Caregivers Must Act Responsibly

• Possess no more than a one-month supply between them
• Not use marijuana in a way that endangers others
• Store marijuana in a secure location
• Not use marijuana in a prohibited place
Patient Protections

- Immunity for use or possession of up to a month supply (C.G.S § 21a-408a)
  - Not subject to arrest or prosecution
  - Not subject to criminal or civil penalty
  - May not be denied a right or privilege, including being subject to disciplinary action by a professional licensing board

- Law enforcement can verify patient registration status 24/7

- Similar protections for caregivers
Additional Patient and Caregiver Protections

• No discriminatory treatment based upon status as a medical marijuana patient: C.G.S § 21a-408p
  • Schools may not refuse enrollment or discriminate
  • Landlords may not refuse to rent or take action
  • Employers may not refuse to hire or discharge, penalize or threaten
    • May prohibit use during work hours or discipline for on-the-job intoxication
Producers are Limited and Tightly Regulated

- Secure indoor facilities
- Built in permissible locations in Connecticut
- Experienced and financially capable
- Meet health, safety, security and other requirements
- Manufacture pharmaceutical grade marijuana that is unadulterated, lab tested and properly labeled
Licensed Producers

- Advance Grow Labs, LLC - West Haven, CT
- Connecticut Pharmaceutical Solutions LLC - Portland, CT
- Curaleaf, LLC - Simsbury, CT
- Theraplant, LLC - Watertown, CT
Marijuana Dispensed Consistent with its Status as a Controlled Substance

- Dispensary facilities regulated like pharmacies
- Marijuana dispensed by licensed pharmacists
  - Trained on proper handling of controlled substances
  - Experience counseling patients on medication use and drug interactions
Requirements for Tight Internal Controls

- Professional alarm systems
- Marijuana stored in approved safes or vaults with limited access
- Marijuana may not be used at the dispensary facility
- Except for emergency situations, visitors must be pre-approved by the Department
- Medical marijuana sold in child-resistant, tamper-proof packaging
Dispensary Facilities

- Arrow Alternative Care Inc., Hartford, CT
- Bluepoint Wellness of Connecticut, Branford, CT
- Compassionate Care Center, Bethel, CT
- Prime Wellness of CT, South Windsor, CT
- Thames Valley Alternative Relief, Uncasville, CT
- The Healing Corner, Bristol, CT
Producer and Dispensary Protections

• Immunity for producer and employees for cultivating, selling, transporting or delivering to dispensary facilities: C.G.S § 21a-408k(b)

• Immunity for dispensary facilities and employees for acquiring, possessing, distributing or dispensing in accordance with statute: C.G.S § 21a-408j(b)
Differences Between Medical & Street Marijuana

Medical Marijuana:

- Pharmaceutical grade
- Laboratory tested
- Label and active ingredients on all packaging
- Unadulterated
- Variety of dosage forms
Producer – Sample Label

Product Name: AGL-F 17.8 H - 3.5 g (1/8oz)

Producer Name & Address: Advanced Grow Labs
400 Frontage Road
West Haven, CT 06516

Packaged/Expiration Date:
- Packaged Date: 03-11-2015
- Expiration Date: 03-11-2016

State Issued NDC Number: 00000000307

Active Ingredients:
- THC: 0.558%
- THCA: 17.283%
- DTHC: N/A%
- CBD: <0.01%
- CBDA: 0.042%
- CBN: 0.012%

Ingredients:
- Raw Flower Pre-Roll x 4

Testing:
- Microbiology PASS, Mycotoxins PASS, Heavy Metals PASS, Pesticides PASS

Terpenoids Present:
- Alpha-pinene
- Beta-pinene
- Caryophyllene
- Limonene D
- Myrcene
- Humulene

Conversion:
2.5 Oz = 70 GR
Producer – Sample Label

OPC Lic #: 0000003
Batch #: 22-A
Package ID: 0000000614-22A

Harvest Date: 2014-12-19
Gross Weight: 0.23 GR
Net Weight: 0.23 GR

Producer Name & Address

State Issued NDC Number

Expiration Date: 03-19-2016

Ingredients:
Tested On: 03/19/2015; C230 CBD VAPE CARTRIDGE
230.74mg CBD per 1.5mL cartridge. Equivalent to 2300mg marijuana. THCA: 0.280%; THC: 0.805%; CBDA: 3.060%; CBD: 12.328%; CBG-A: 0.022%; CBG: 0.247%; CBN: 0.029%; CBC: 0.768% Terpenes: Alpha-Pinene; Beta-Pinene; Beta-Myrcene; Limonene; Beta-Caryophyllene; Humulene Microbiological, mycotoxins, heavy metals, chemical residue: ALL PASS
CURALEAF, 100 GRIST MILL RD., SIMSBURY, CT 06070

Product Name
Active Ingredients
Available Products

- MedTabs - 5, 10 GR
- Pre-Rolled Cones - 2.25, 3.5, 14 GR
- Raw Flower – 2, 2.5, 5, 7, 10, 14, 15, 35 GR
Available Products

Vape Cartridges – 0.1 ML, 1.5 ML, 2.6 GR, 2000 MG, 2300MG, 3400 MG, 675 MG

Vape Pen – 200, 223.84 MG
Available Products

Coconut Peanut Butter Bites – 0.06, 20 MG

Brownie Bites – 0.06, 20 MG
Available Products

- **Sublingual Strips – 20 MG**
- **Concentrate – 20 MG**
- **Concentrated Oil – 600 MG**
Available Products

- Almond Butter – 20 MG
- Coconut Butter – 20 MG
- Gel Caps – 600 MG
Available Products

Granola – 1300 MG, 150MG

Dutch Coco Chocolate Cookies – 20 MG
Green Tea Meringue Cookies – 15 MG
Infused Olive Oil – 15 MG/tbsp
Program Update

- Patient registrations increasing
- Regulations to add new conditions
- Request for Applications for dispensary facilities
- Trend towards non-smokable products
- Public service announcements
- Increasing interest in research
Connecticut Medical Marijuana Program Statistics

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June 5, 2015
Web address for the Medical Marijuana Program:

www.ct.gov/dcp/mmp