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Public policy, patient rights and regulatory oversight

Oklahoma's medical marijuana program and the 2025 legislative landscape.

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The conversation

An executive overview of the regulatory environment and its implications for patients, businesses and communities.

Program landscape

The development and purpose of Oklahoma's medical marijuana program.

Regulatory oversight

OMMA's responsibilities and approach to licensing and compliance.

Patient protections

Key rights, responsibilities and practical considerations.

Legislative priorities

Pending proposals and significant milestones in the 2025 session.

How Oklahoma's program evolved

- 2018: Oklahoma voters approved State Question 788, establishing the state's medical marijuana program.
- 2021: Gov. Kevin Stitt appointed Adria Berry to lead the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority.
- 2022: OMMA became an independent state agency on Nov. 1.
- 2023: Voters rejected State Question 820, which would have legalized adult-use marijuana.
- 2023: The Oklahoma Senate confirmed Berry as OMMA's first permanent Executive Director.

The agency's responsibilities

Licensing

Process patient, caregiver and commercial license applications.

Regulation

Develop administrative rules to implement Oklahoma statutes.

Compliance

Inspect licensed businesses and investigate potential violations.

Public information

Provide clear guidance and responsive support to patients, businesses and the public.

Patient protections

Oklahoma law establishes specific protections for licensed medical marijuana patients, subject to applicable exceptions.

Employment

A patient license alone generally cannot be the sole basis for adverse employment action.

Housing

Licensed patients generally cannot be denied housing solely because they hold a patient license.

Custody

A patient license does not automatically establish neglect or justify denial of parenting time.

Medical care

Lawful medical marijuana use does not, by itself, disqualify a patient from medical care.

Patient responsibilities

- Possession and consumption remain subject to Oklahoma law and applicable location restrictions.
- Employers are not required to permit medical marijuana possession, consumption or impairment at work.
- Additional restrictions may apply to employees performing safety-sensitive duties.
- Smoking and vaping in public or at workplaces are subject to relevant state tobacco-use restrictions.
- Federal law and funding requirements may affect the application of certain state-level protections.

OMMA's role in the legislative process

- OMMA administers and enforces the regulatory framework established by Oklahoma law.
- The agency does not advocate for or against proposed legislation.
- Agency staff may provide licensing data, fiscal analysis and information about approaches used in other states.
- After legislation is enacted, OMMA develops administrative rules and public guidance to support implementation.

2025 legislative milestones

First regular session of Oklahoma's 60th Legislature.

- Feb. 3: Legislative session begins.
- March 6: Deadline for bills to advance from committees in their chamber of origin.
- March 27: Deadline for bills to advance from their chamber of origin.
- April 24: Deadline for bills to advance from committees in the opposite chamber.
- May 8: Deadline for bills to advance from the opposite chamber.
- May 30: Scheduled adjournment by 5 p.m.

Legislation affecting operations

Proposals under consideration as of the original May 2025 presentation.

House Bill 2807

Addresses temporary transportation storage, background checks and prepackaging exemptions.

House Bill 2837

Proposes annual training requirements for medical marijuana business employees.

House Bill 2897

Proposes dispensary signage addressing marijuana use during pregnancy.

Senate Bill 39

Addresses firearms restrictions related to impairment and medical marijuana licensing.

Legislation affecting public safety

Senate Bill 518

Adds warning-label requirements addressing driving under the influence of marijuana.

Senate Bill 522

Proposes a task force to review patient purchase and possession limits.

Senate Bill 634

Expands participation in the Impaired Driving Prevention Advisory Committee.

Senate Bill 640

Proposes greater distance requirements between dispensaries and schools or places of worship.

Physician education and oversight

Senate Bill 1066: strengthening standards for physicians who recommend medical marijuana.

- Establishes education requirements for recommending physicians.
- Creates a framework for coordination with the state's medical, osteopathic and podiatric licensing boards.
- Supports the development or identification of approved medical education courses.
- Illustrates the communications challenge of translating legislative requirements into clear guidance for physicians and patients.

Thank you.

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