

2020 Legislative Changes for Medical Cannabis

Description	Statutory section modified	Bill citation
Patients		
Qualifying Medical Conditions		
Age-related macular degeneration shall not be added as a qualifying medical condition on August 1, 2020.	Minn.Stat. §152.22, subd. 14	Laws of Minnesota 2020, chap. 115, art. 1, §16
Provision of peacetime emergency executive order 20-26 is extended through June 30, 2021 to permit a health care practitioner to certify a patient’s qualifying medical condition after a visit through videoconference, telephone, or other remote means. Applicable professional standards of care must be met when certifying a patient’s qualifying medical condition.	Minn.Rules 2019, part 4770.4014, subpart 2.B.1	Laws of Minnesota 2020, 1st Spec. Sess. Chapter 7, Section 2
Patients’ Reduced Enrollment Fee		
<p>To qualify for the reduced enrollment fee, a patient must provide evidence of receiving benefits from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SSD – clarifies that those transitioned to retirement benefits are included b) SSI c) Veteran’s disability – clarifies that VA dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) is included d) Railroad disability <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) Enrollment in medical assistance or MinnesotaCare. <p>Adds that only “programs specifically listed” qualify an individual for the reduced fee.</p>	Minn.Stat. §152.35(a)	Laws of Minnesota 2020, chap. 115, art. 1, §13
Medical Cannabis Manufacturers		
A medical cannabis manufacturer is no longer required to operate a set number of medical cannabis distribution facilities. It may operate up to 8 distribution facilities.	Minn.Stat. §152.29, subd. 1(a)	Laws of Minnesota 2020, chap. 115, art. 1, §12
The Office of Medical Cannabis must inspect the business operations, facility locations, financial and inventory information, and alarm systems of each medical cannabis manufacturer. These inspections must be unannounced and done annually until the state implements a centralized seed-to-sale tracking software system.	Minn.Stat. §152.29, subd. 1(n)	Laws of Minnesota 2020, chap. 115, art. 1, §12

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Provision of peacetime emergency executive order 20-26 is extended through June 30, 2021 to permit pharmacist consult with the patient or caregiver before the transaction occur by videoconference, telephone, or other remote means, and in a manner that protects patient privacy.	Minn.Stat. §152.29, subd. 3(c)(4).	Laws of Minnesota 2020, 1st Spec. Sess. Chapter 7, Section 2
Health Care Practitioners		
Inserts “or advanced practice registered nurse” following “physician.”	Minn.Stat. §152.33, subd. 3(b)	Laws of Minnesota 2020, chap. 115, art. 4, §76
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Summary of Statutory Changes to §§ 152.22 – 152.37

- Minn.Stat. §152.22, subd. 14 was implicated by Laws 2020, Chapter 115, Article 1, Section 12
- Minn.Stat. §152.29, subd. 1(a) was amended by Laws 2020, Chapter 115, Article 1, Section 12
- Minn.Stat. §152.29, subd. 1(n) was added by Laws 2020, Chapter 115, Article 1, Section 12
- Minn.Stat. §152.29, subd. 3(c)(4) was modified by Laws 2020, 1st Spec. Sess. Chapter 7, Section 2
- Minn.Stat. §152.33, subd. 3(b) was amended by Laws 2020, Chapter 115, Article 4, Section 76
- Minn.Stat. §152.35, item (a) was amended by Laws 2020, Chapter 115, Article 1, Section 12
- Minn.Rule 4770.4014, subp. 2.B.1 was waived and suspended by Laws 2020, 1st Spec. Sess. Chapter 7, Section 2