NJ Cannabis CERTIFIED™

TOP 10 POINTS TO REMEMBER

Module 1 – Cannabis Laws

1. The New Jersey Medical Marijuana Program (NJMMP) started in 2010. Enrollment peaked in May 2022 with over 129,00 patients. As of January 15, 2025, there are 65,433 patients remaining in the program.

2. The NJMMP expanded under the Murphy Administration and the passage of Jake Honig's Law (or A20).

3. Cannabis is illegal Federally because of the Controlled Substances Act. Each state has their own laws related to medical and adult use cannabis. In September 2023, the Biden administration has made a formal recommendation to *reschedule* cannabis, but no legal changes have been made to date.

4. In 2021, the Cannabis Regulatory Commission took over the regulating of medical and adult use cannabis from the Department of Health.

5. Out of state visitors can register with the NJ medical cannabis program and receive a temporary NJ medical cannabis card. However, patients cannot take their medicine across state lines.

6. Under New Jersey law, marijuana, cannabis, and hemp all have their own specific definitions. Hemp contains less than 0.3% THC, cannabis contains more than 0.3% THC and comes from a legal adult use retailer, and marijuana comes from the illicit market.

7. Stand-alone cultivators, manufacturers, and dispensaries are now open in NJ. Previously it was only "vertically integrated" companies operating in NJ (meaning they had the ability to everything: cultivate, process, manufacture and dispense cannabis).

8. The Cannabis Regulatory Enforcement and Marketplace Modernization Act is the statute that gives the Cannabis Regulatory Commission the power to act.

9. New Jersey Administrative Code 17:30 are the new Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Commission.

10. All cannabis business operators must maintain standard operating procedures on: inventory control, adverse event reporting, confidentiality / privacy standards, reporting of testing, and recall plans, just to name a few. The reasoning behind many of the new Rules is protecting public health and safety.