

# Minnesota Medical Cannabis Program Petition to Add a Qualifying Medical Condition

## Making Your Petition

Any person may petition the Minnesota Department of Health (“the Department” or “MDH”) to add a qualifying medical condition to those listed in subdivision 14 of Minnesota Statutes section 152.22. Petitions will be accepted only between June 1, 2022, and July 31, 2022. Petitions received outside of these dates will not be reviewed.

Use this online form to submit requested information.

## Instructions

Complete each section of this petition and attach all supporting documents where noted in this form. Clearly indicate which section of the petition an attachment is for. You can save your submission as a PDF, which you can print or keep for your records. Each petition is limited to one proposed qualifying medical condition. If your petition includes more than one medical condition, it will be dismissed. If you are petitioning for the addition of a medical condition that was considered but not approved in a prior year's petition process, you must include new scientific evidence or research to support your petition or describe substantially different symptoms. The MDH website has the petitions for each petitioned medical condition reviewed in prior years. See Petitions to Add Qualifying Medical Conditions. Petitions that do not include new scientific evidence or research to support your petition or describe substantially different symptoms will not be considered. If the petition is accepted for consideration, MDH will send the petition documents to the Medical Cannabis Review Panel (“Review Panel”). MDH staff will also provide information to the Review Panel about the proposed qualifying condition, its prevalence, and the effectiveness of current treatments. You may withdraw your petition any time before the Review Panel's first public meeting of the year by submitting a written statement to MDH stating that you want to withdraw it.

## Petition Review Process

An appointed citizens Review Panel will meet to review all eligible petitions and supporting documentation. MDH will post notice of the public meetings of the Review Panel on its medical cannabis website. After the public meeting and by Nov. 2, 2022, the Review Panel will provide the Commissioner of Health a written report of findings.

The Commissioner will approve or deny the petition by Dec. 1, 2022.

## Section A: Petitioner's Information

**This information has been redacted.**

## Section B: Medical Condition You Are Requesting Be Added

Please specify the name and provide a brief description of the proposed qualifying medical condition. Be as precise as possible in identifying the condition. Optional: Include diagnostic code(s), citing the associated ICD-9 or ICD- 10 code(s), if you know them.

I have severe OCD and have for my entire life. It overpowers my day to day life at work, University classes, has spiked my anxiety levels and creates me to panic. It's unhealthy and marijuana has helped me. I pick my scalp, bite my nails to the brim, and pick at my skin for my entire life. It's horrible! I am sure that marijuana has helped me before but there are no options for me to get it in Minnesota. It calms me down and helps me not pick at things.

## Section C: Symptoms of the Proposed Medical Condition and/or Its Treatment

Describe the extent to which the proposed qualifying medical condition or the treatments cause suffering and impair a person's daily life.

It impairs my day to day life! All day everyday. I am constantly picking at my scalp which causes hair loss, I pick at any part of my skin that is uneven or is scabbed. It would be a helpful thing to have an oil pen whenever I feel like picking at my skin.

## Section D: Availability of Conventional Medical Therapies

Describe conventional medical therapies available and the degree to which they ease the suffering caused by the proposed qualifying medical condition or its treatment.

I have gone to therapy for years, I take anti-depressants, anxiety medicine, OCD medicine, ADHD, and more. Nothing seems to help like marijuana.

## Section E: Anticipated Benefits from Medical Cannabis

Describe the anticipated benefits from the medical use of cannabis specific to the proposed qualifying medical condition.

The benefits are that medical marijuana can help me chill out, feel at ease, and work at a normal pace without the OCD of picking at things. It's overwhelming for me to the point where I cry a lot all day about it. And it's painful when I pick at my skin.

## Section F (optional): Scientific Evidence of Support for Medical Cannabis Treatment

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MEDICAL CONDITION

Strengthen your petition by including evidence generally accepted by the medical community and other experts supporting the use of medical cannabis to alleviate suffering caused by the proposed medical disease or its treatment. Please include citations and links (if available) to peer-reviewed published journals or other completed medical studies.

There are MANY reasons why it helps people like me with OCD. It's horrible having something as bad as picking at your skin. It's all day and it affects my work, social life, anxiety, depression and more. It's honestly a really horrible disorder that needs to have a treatment such as medical marijuana.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7396551/>

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41380-021-01161-7>

I have letters of support that I can add if needed. Thank you.

## Section G (optional): Letters in Support of Adding the Medical Condition

Upload letters of support for the use of medical cannabis from persons knowledgeable about the proposed qualifying medical condition, such as a licensed health care professional. (Please combine letters of support into one file before you upload.)

## Section H: Acknowledgment and Signature

Please note: Any individually identifiable health information relating to any past, present, or future health condition or health care contained in this petition is classified as a health record under Minnesota Statutes §144.291, and is not subject to public disclosure.

I certify that the information provided in this petition is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

**This information has been redacted. (Submitted 06/08/2022)**

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