

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Medical Marijuana Comes to Columbia as Green Health Docs Opens Evaluation Clinic The cannabis industry moves full steam ahead into Missouri

Columbia, MO (May 15, 2019) — Medical marijuana is coming very soon to Missouri, and several businesses are already beginning to sprout up in order to help potential patients get medical marijuana in the Show-Me State. But first an evaluation is required in order to qualify for a Missouri medical marijuana card. Once a patient has a card, they will have access to any state-licensed medical marijuana dispensary across Missouri.

"Medical marijuana patients often have conditions that result in serious pain or psychological trauma," Dr. Anand Dugar, owner of Green Health Docs, stated. "These patients have exhausted all other options, or they are are seeking alternatives to opioids and other prescription medications. It is so exciting that Missouri has joined this movement. It's now up to doctors to help those patients get the medicine they need."

Enter <u>Green Health Docs</u>, a medical marijuana evaluation clinic with offices in Maryland, Ohio, Oklahoma and now Missouri. The licensed physicians at their clinics help patients obtain a Missouri medical marijuana card. After the success of their <u>St. Louis</u> and <u>Kansas City</u> clinics, Green Health Docs has decided to expand to <u>Columbia</u>. Their doors officially open May 16, 2019.

"CoMo is such a fun, diverse city," Dr. Dugar noted. "There are literally thousands of qualifying patients living here, from students at the University of Missouri to senior citizens living in retirement communities. Our goal is to help each and every one of them get their evaluation so they can obtain their Missouri medical marijuana card once the registry opens."

In order to qualify for a medical marijuana card, Missouri residents must have documented evidence of one of the 21 qualifying conditions, including Alzheimer's disease (or agitation related to), any terminal illness, autism, cancer, Crohn's disease, chronic pain or neuropathy, epilepsy, glaucoma, hepatitis C, HIV/AIDS or cachexia or wasting syndrome, Huntington's disease, IBS, intractable migraines, Lou Gehrig's disease, multiple sclerosis, opioid substitution, Parkinson's disease, PTSD or other "debilitating psychiatric disorders", Tourette syndrome, sickle cell anemia, and seizures. If you do not have one of the qualifying conditions above, however, the State of Missouri has also added a special clause stating that "any other chronic, debilitating or other medical condition that may be alleviated by marijuana is in the professional judgement of a physician." This means that patients can bring their medical records to a medical marijuana doctor, and this physician can determine if cannabis would help the ailment during the evaluation.

"Missouri is a wonderful state for medical marijuana," Dr. Dugar added. "There are less limitations on what qualifies a patient for medical marijuana, so a physician can make that call not the state. This will help so many people who need aide in combating their ailments."

Missouri medical marijuana dispensaries are not open just yet but are expected to begin opening in early 2020. Medical marijuana patients can, however, grow their own cannabis plants. To do so, patients must first obtain an identification card from the Missouri Department of Health. Patients will be able to grow six plants.

The <u>Green Health Docs Columbia clinic</u> is located at the Regus Building, 303 N Stadium Blvd, Suite 200. Appointments are already booking fast. To contact their offices and set up an evaluation, simply call or text (314) 282-8017. Their support team can walk patients through the entire process, from gathering medical records to obtaining your official Missouri medical marijuana card once the registry is active.

About Green Health Docs

Green Health Docs is a trusted, leading provider of medical marijuana evaluations throughout Maryland, Ohio, Oklahoma and Missouri. Their mission is to combat the opioid crisis in America by providing healthy alternative medicines, like medical marijuana and CBD.

For more information, please visit: <u>https://greenhealthdocs.com/</u>

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