

RESTORING COMPASSION TO NEW YORK'S MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM

Documenting Challenges and Providing
Recommendations on Expanding Patient Access

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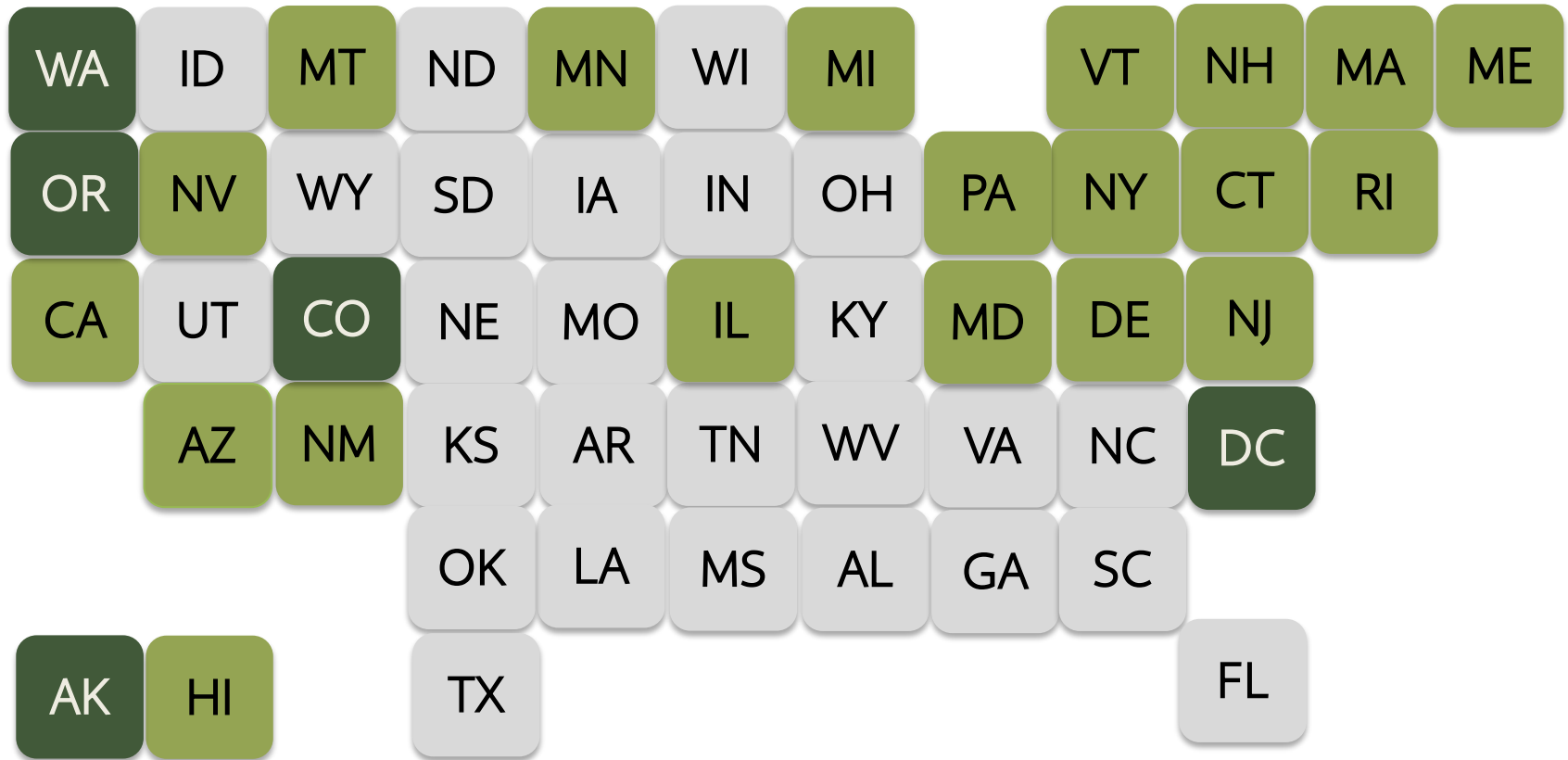
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OVERVIEW OF STATES' MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAMS



Completely legalized
(5 states)

Legalized for medical use
(20 states)

Limited medical use/illegal
(26 states)

TIMELINE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM

June 20, 2014

NY becomes the 23rd
state to pass a
medical marijuana
(MMJ) bill

Dec 23, 2015

NYSDOH announces
launch of MMJ patient
certification and
registration system

Oct 21, 2015

NYS Department of
Health (DOH)
launches required
doctor training for
MMJ program

Jan 7, 2016

NY launches staggered
roll out of MMJ program
tomorrow. Only 8 of 20
dispensaries open for
business





COMPARISON WITH OTHER STATES' PROGRAMS

	DC	DE	IL	MA	NH	NJ	CT	MD	MN	NY
4 elements of basic medical model & good manufacturing practices for pharmaceuticals										
Doctor-patient relationship	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Manufacturing and dispensing	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Testing and labeling	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use of non-smokable MMJ*									✓	✓
3 components of restrictive models for controlled substances										
30-day supply limits						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Prescription drug monitoring				✓			✓			✓
Physician training*				✓				✓		✓
<i>Restrictiveness Score</i>	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	5	5	7



PROCESS OF OBTAINING MEDICAL MARIJUANA



“I can’t find a doctor [to certify me].
I have to drive a long distance to the dispensary nearest to me and once I get there, I can’t afford [medicine]”



Patients struggle to get medical marijuana in New York



Medical marijuana: Elusive cure for a local family

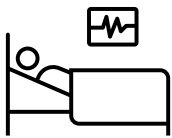


Problems plague first month of medical marijuana |

DATA COLLECTION

ASSESSING EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM

New York State DOH Data:



PATIENT REGISTRATION

- Out of ~ 500,000 eligible patients, more than 2000 have registered; Half purchased medicine



DOCTOR CERTIFICATION

- Less than 1% of NYS physicians have registered (500 +) out of 80,000



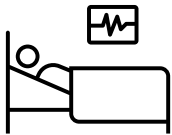
MEASURING PATIENT ACCESS

- The State is not collecting additional data (that we know of at present)

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CCNY Patient-Caregiver Survey Data (n=200):



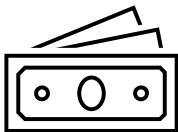
PATIENT ELIGIBILITY

- Among those who do not have one of the 10 qualifying conditions, 70% have severe, chronic pain, and 35% PTSD



DOCTOR CERTIFICATION

- Slightly more than half have not found a trained and registered doctor to certify them
- Among these, 60% said they have been trying for 3 to 4 months



AFFORDABILITY

- 3 out of 4 reported not being able to afford the monthly cost and were not offered financial assistance when they visited the dispensary.

DESIRED OUTCOMES/EVALUATIVE CRITERIA

- ☒ Increase patient access
- ☒ Ensure effectiveness of medicine
- ☒ Increase adorability of medicine

DESIRED OUTCOMES/EVALUATIVE CRITERIA

Patient access defined as:

ELIGIBILITY ——— Having a state-approved medical condition

CERTIFICATION ——— Finding a medical professional registered to certify medicine

REGISTRATION ——— Registering online and finding a dispensary

PURCHASE ——— Cost and form of medicine

Eligibility means:

+ *Having one of these 10 approved medical illnesses:*

Cancer, HIV infection or AIDS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS),
Parkinson's disease, Multiple sclerosis, Spinal cord injury with spasticity,
Epilepsy, Inflammatory bowel disease, Neuropathy, Huntington's disease.

+ *And one of these associated conditions:*

Cachexia or wasting syndrome, Severe or chronic pain,
Severe nausea, Seizures, Severe or persistent muscle
spasms



Many patients have one of the associated conditions but none of the 10 approved illnesses



Adding 8 other conditions, as well as severe chronic pain, would make **at least a million** more patients eligible for medical relief

Certification means:

Finding ^[1] a trained ^[2] and registered ^[3] physician ^[4] to certify ^[5] patients for medical marijuana



[1] No publicly accessible list (DOH does not to publish a list)

Less than 1% of 80,000 doctors have trained and registered



[2] Training requirements are a deterrent to doctors

The mandated training is 4 hours and costs \$250



[3] Only physicians allowed to recommend medicine to patients



Bill allowing Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants to certify
would add 30,000 additional healthcare providers



[4] Physician attitudes



State-wide outreach from State Health Department
Bill allowing producers/sellers to educate doctors [Unknown impact]

Registration means:

Registering online to receive a patient ID card required to purchase medicine at dispensary



Great disparities in geographic access

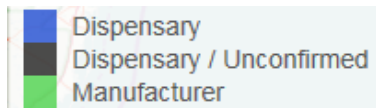
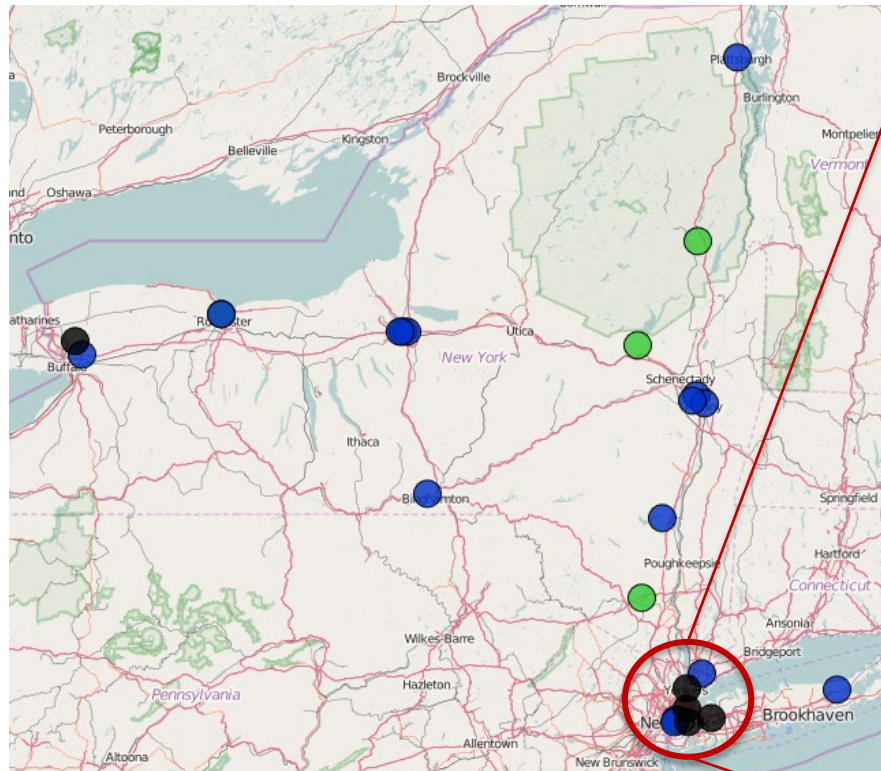
- + Only 20 dispensaries for a state of pop 20 million and 54,000 sq miles
- + Especially impacts the poor and sick



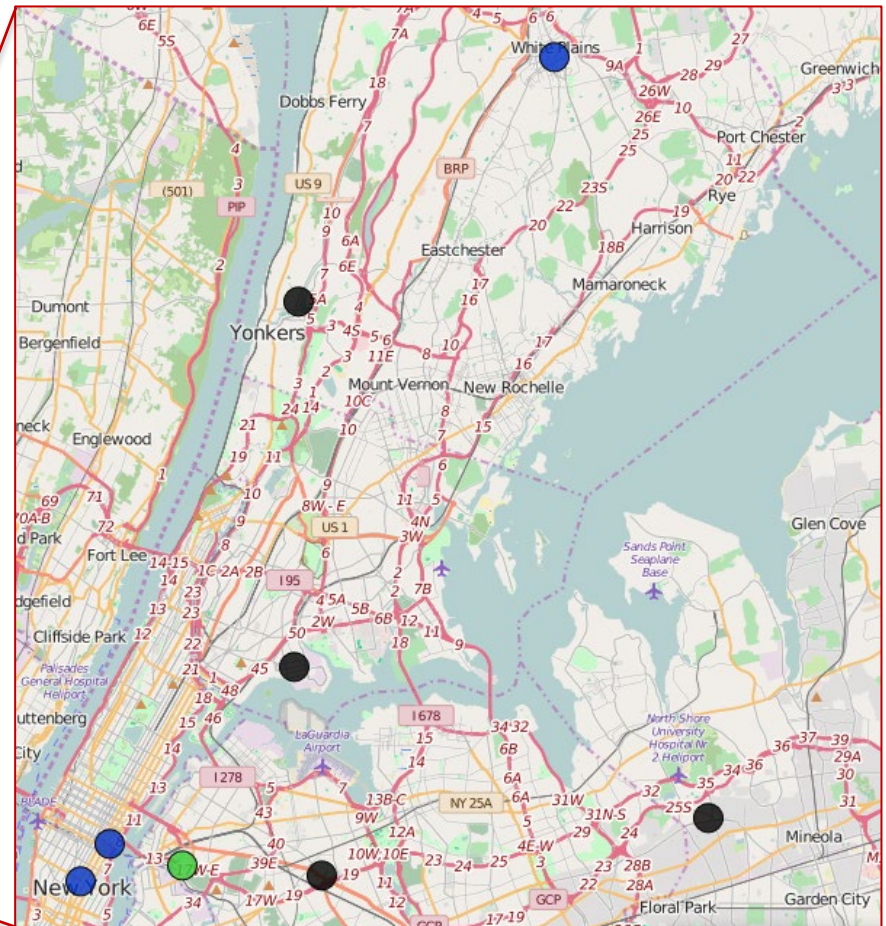
Bill to add more **5** more producers and **60** additional dispensaries around NYS

DISPARITIES IN GEOGRAPHIC ACCESS

New York State



New York City



Purchase of medicine means:

Having access to all effective forms of medicine and being able to afford medicine



Dispensaries not stocking the specific type of medicine patient needs and limited forms of medicine to choose from

ALLOWED



NOT ALLOWED



Bill permitting producer-producer sale
Bill introducing new forms of medicine (such as plant matter)

Purchase of medicine means:

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Medicine is reported to range from \$100 to > \$2000 a month
Manufacturing process is long, complicated & costly



Direct solution: Offer financial assistance

+ Set up a charity pool

+ Incentivize producers to offer financial assistance



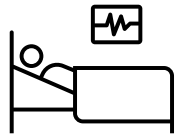
Indirect solution: Expand patient access and bring costs down



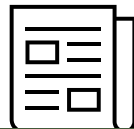
INTEREST



Industry Group



Patients



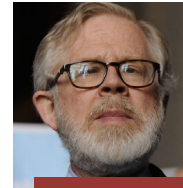
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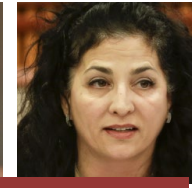
Doctors



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