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PATIENTS SERVING PATIENTS:

For 11 years, Berkeley Patients Group has received all of its medicine from patient providers. This tradition continues today, and BPG takes great pride in being recognized as a leader in the development of an above-ground marketplace for medical cannabis.

This page is a guide for patients who wish to provide medicine to our patients. Please review the information before arriving as it will save you time and better prepare you for an appointment. We appreciate the time and energy that all providers put forth in the effort to maintain safe access to affordable medicine, and we look forward to working with you.



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SAFETY FIRST:

The laws regarding medical cannabis in California can be confusing, as they differ from community to community. Please take the time to research the laws in your own region, and follow them to the best of your ability. Also research the laws in the communities you will be traveling through. The best protection is prevention.

As you approach BPG, be aware of your surroundings. We have plenty of on-site parking, and we encourage you to use our lot. Keep a low profile. Drive safely, keep your stereo volume low, and obey all traffic laws. Keep the contents of your bags out of sight, especially in the parking lot and in the neighborhood.

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APPOINTMENT HOURS:

We see appointments Monday through Saturday from noon-4 p.m.

Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

You may walk in during our regular appointment hours, but we can see you only if we have an opening in our schedule that day.

To make an appointment, you may call us at (510) 540-6013 or email us at providers@berkeleypatientsgroup.com. Please be patient when you contact us, as we receive a large volume of communications. We will do our best to respond to you quickly.

If you are unable to make a scheduled appointment, please call us in advance at (510) 540-6013 to either cancel or reschedule.

If you are unable to obtain an appointment for the day you desired, please understand that we are only able to meet with a finite number of people every day. We encourage you to try again on another day.

Scheduling an appointment does not guarantee anything. All decisions are made based on patient needs and available resources.

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WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING:

We offer a wide range of medicinal products and will consider most medical cannabis products for use by our patients, including:

- Dried/cured cannabis flowers (buds)
- Trim with visible trichomes (from flowers; no water leaves)
- Extracts (hashish, kif, tinctures, and so on)
- Edible products (baked goods, capsules, candies, savory foods, drinks, and so on)
- Topical products (lotions, salves, balms, and so on)
- Clones/cuttings
- Seeds
- Pre-rolled cannabis cigarettes (joints, cones, and so on; no blunts or other tobacco products)

If you have laboratory analyses, certifications (such as vegan or organic), or other relevant notes regarding the lineage and growth cycle, please bring these in with the medicine. These documents help us properly identify and better communicate relevant information to our patients.

Please be sure to read the Recommended Packaging section below.

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WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT BRING:

Contaminants: Contaminants: All products must be free of hair, mold, insects (living or dead), debris, and other contaminants.

Pesticides and unsafe additives: We discourage the use of potentially hazardous chemicals and additives when cultivating medical cannabis. These can have serious impacts on the health of patients whose immune systems may already be compromised.

Wet cannabis: All raw cannabis products must be properly dried and cured. Moist flowers, trim, and extracts will not be accepted. To determine if the flowers are dry enough, perform this simple test. Take a bud and snap the stem with your hands. If there is an audible “snap” when the stem breaks, the bud is dry; if there is no sound, or the stem bends and will not snap, it is not dry yet.

Our patients prefer flowers that have been completely trimmed. Untrimmed or unevenly trimmed flowers will be valued less than well-manicured flowers.

Avoid mixing different strains together. This can devalue the products and/or make them unacceptable for our patients.

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RECOMMENDED PACKAGING:

When bringing in flowers or trim, we require that you bring a minimum of 1 pound (454 grams).

Extracts should be weighed into individual grams and packaged in 1" x 1" x 1/2" clear, plastic cubes. We can provide you with these cubes if you prefer.

Edible and topical products must be packaged in sealed, tamper-proof containers. All ingredients must be listed on the package label, along with any information explaining the potency of the product. Products with perishable ingredients must have proper expiration dates. All labels must be printed with waterproof ink. Please follow all Health Department regulations regarding proper food handling and storage. We prefer products with pre-printed UPC codes that are unique to each product, and products that are shipped in pre-counted cases.

Clones/cuttings must be fresh, healthy, and uniform with visible roots. They must be free from molds, mildews, insects, and other contaminants. Please bring materials explaining the lineage of the clones, length of ideal flower cycle, plant characteristics, samples of the finished flowers, and other information that would help our patients.

Seeds must have materials explaining the lineage of the plant, length of ideal flower cycle, plant characteristics, and other information that would help our patients.

Pre-rolled cigarettes (joints, cones, and so on) must be packed in rigid packaging to protect them from damage. Please refrain from licking these products as it is a Health and Safety code violation.

Other medical cannabis products, not listed, are welcome for consideration. Please bring in any information that would help inform our patients about your product.

Our staff may recommend additional packaging considerations for select products.

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PRODUCT SAMPLES:

Please do not pass out samples in our patient areas. We require that all products pass through our quality screening process before being distributed in our facility.

If you would like to host a scheduled product sampling, you may inquire during a regular appointment or email your request to info@berkeleypatientsgroup.com.

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CITY TAX REQUIREMENT:

As of January 1, 2011, BPG and all other medical cannabis providers in the City of Berkeley — including individual patients, collectives, and other dispensaries — are required to pay a city tax of 2.5% on every medicine transaction [*Berkeley Municipal Code 9.04.136*].

These payments may be made directly to the city by individual providers, or providers may pay a permitted dispensing collective for remittance to the city on their behalf [*BMC 9.04.136(E)*].

BPG offers information and payment options to providers to help them fulfill these new tax requirements to the city. Ask us during a regular appointment for more details.

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