Persons who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness with a life expectancy of six (6) months or less may apply for a medical cannabis registry identification card. The registry identification card will be valid for six (6) months only. There is no application fee.

Qualifying patients must:

- Be a resident of the State of Illinois at the time of application and remain a resident during participation in the program
- Have been diagnosed with a terminal illness with a life expectancy of six (6) months or less
- Submit a complete application
- Make sure your health care professional completes and signs the health care professional confirmation of diagnosis of terminal illness. The in-person physical examination must take place within 90 days of the application submission date.
- Not hold a school bus permit or Commercial Driver’s License (YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE DENIED IF NOT REMOVED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION); and
- Not be an active duty law enforcement officer, correctional officer, correctional probation officer, or firefighter. If you check "yes" your application will be denied.

The application must include:

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<td><strong>Proof of Age, Identity and Residency</strong></td>
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<td>Submit a clear, color copy of your Illinois Driver’s License, Illinois Temporary Visitor’s Driver’s License, US Military ID, or Illinois State ID (Minors - include a copy of your birth certificate)</td>
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<td><strong>Photo</strong></td>
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<td>Submit a photo taken within the last 6 months (using a passport photo vendor is recommended)</td>
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Note: If the address on your state-issued ID does not match the address on your application, you must submit a second document which shows your address.

Veterans receiving care at a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Facility:

- Submit a copy of your DD-214 showing dates of service and character of service (type of discharge)
- Provide a copy of your medical records from the VA facility for the last 12 months.
  - Log into My HealtheVet request a premium account so you can view information required. Please submit VA appointment, VA Problem List, VA Admissions and Discharges, Progress notes, and Consult Notes for the past 12 months.
  - To obtain VA medical records electronically, go online to https://www.myhealth.va.gov/index.html
- Veterans receiving health care at a VA facility do not need to have a health care professional complete the Health Care Professional Confirmation of Diagnosis of Terminal Illness, but must instead complete the Attestation of Terminal Illness on page 6 of the application package. This form must be notarized.
Selecting a Designated Caregiver:

- If you need someone to purchase your medical cannabis or to accompany you to a dispensary, you must have a designated caregiver. Only persons with a registry card are allowed into a dispensary.
- The designated caregiver must be selected at the time of application and submit a photo, proof of age, identity and residency.
- Persons under age 18 who are diagnosed with a terminal illness may select a second caregiver by making a copy of pages 4 and 5 of the application and completing the requested information for the second designated caregiver.

Mail the application and the required documents to:
Illinois Department of Public Health
Division of Medical Cannabis
535 W. Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761-0001

Questions? Call 855-636-3688 or email DPH.Terminalill@illinois.gov