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<b>Contact Point:</b> ABRA	<b>Subject:</b> Expired Patient and Caregiver Cards	
<b>Reason:</b> ABRA has extended the expired Patient and Caregiver renewal grace period until September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021		

Greetings Metrc Users,

This is a friendly reminder that effective **Thursday, July 1**, all District medical cannabis program patients and caregivers must have a current registration to purchase medical cannabis.

To provide individuals sufficient time to schedule a visit with their healthcare practitioner to receive a new recommendation, a courtesy renewal grace period has been extended through **Wednesday, September 1**. Patients and caregivers with an expired registration on or after **Thursday, September 2** will be unable to purchase medical cannabis until they renew their registration.

Through September 1, dispensaries may continue to accept expired DC medical cannabis registrations (digital or physical cards)—if the listed expiration date on the registration is between March 1, 2020-August 31, 2021. Registrations with expiration dates before this window are not valid.

Additionally, non-residents enrolled in an [eligible U.S. state or territory program](#) may continue to purchase medical cannabis with an expired registration through September 1 if they present a government-issued document with their expired registration card or document that attests that their registration is valid through the date on or after the date of their purchase. Valid registrations for non-residents will be similarly required on and after September 2.

New and renewal applicants will be mailed a physical card and emailed a PDF document. Both may be used interchangeably. A government photo-id with a matching name must be presented with the digital registration at the time of purchase.

Previously issued registrations (physical card or PDF document) should continue to be used through the expiration date stated on it.

[Patient and caregiver applications are available online](#). Online submission is recommended due to postal delays.

If you have any questions, please direct them to [medicalcannabis@dc.gov](mailto:medicalcannabis@dc.gov).