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Dear Patient:

Welcome to Genesis Healthcare Associates. We appreciate the confidence and trust that you have placed in us. Our goal is to provide the highest quality care in a friendly, caring and efficient environment.

To make your visit as smooth as possible, we asked that you read and complete the attached forms. This information will help our providers and staff prepare for your visit. Please fill out the forms as completely as possible.

Please Note: A valid GA drivers license or state ID is required at the time of your appointment.

Medical Records: A minimum of 2 years medical records documenting your qualifying disease is required. Your records must be from a licensed physician that has treated or is currently treating you for the qualifying disease. Your records must be sent to our office no less than 5 days prior to your appointment. This gives our Providers time to review and prepare for your visit. If your records have not been received, we will have to cancel your appointment. No exceptions can be made.

This office is not a dispensary and keeps no medication on hand.

The services we provide are not covered by your insurance and full payment is due at the time of service. We will not file your insurance for **any** services relating to Medical Cannabis Treatment. You will be given a waiver form to sign that acknowledges your understanding of this policy.

Our providers will do an initial assessment of your condition to see if you are eligible for treatment with the Medical Cannabis oil. If you qualify, we must register you with the State of Georgia. This registration is required by law. Please keep in mind that not all persons will qualify for the program.

Our fees are as follows:

A \$200.00 non-refundable assessment fee is due on your initial visit. Your visit may include a physical examination, review of your records, documentation and registration with the State of Georgia, should you qualify.

Return visits at the 3 and/or 6 Month intervals will be \$49.00 each.

One (1) year recertifications (required by the state) will be \$129.00

Important Information

Georgia's new medical marijuana law allows certain qualified persons to legally possess up to 20 fluid ounces of "Low THC oil," which is derived from the marijuana plant. It authorizes the Georgia Department of Public Health to issue a "Low THC Oil Registry Card" to qualified persons, which will prove that they are authorized to have the oil and protect them from arrest.

In order to qualify for exemption from prosecution for possession of marijuana oil in Georgia, the patient must suffer from one of these qualifying illnesses:

Cancer, when such diagnosis is end stage or the treatment produces related wasting illness, recalcitrant nausea and vomiting.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), when such diagnosis is severe or end stage.

Seizure disorders related to the diagnosis of epilepsy or trauma related head injuries.

Multiple Sclerosis, when such diagnosis is severe or end stage.

Crohn 's Disease

Mitochondrial Disease

Parkinson's Disease, when such diagnosis is severe or end stage.

Sickle Cell Disease, when such diagnosis is severe or end stage.

Autism

AIDS

PTSD

Tourette's syndrome

Peripheral Neuropathy (pain that radiates)

Epidennolysis Bullosa

Alzheimer's disease

Additionally, anyone in a hospice program, regardless of diagnosis, will be allowed access to marijuana oil that's low on THC, the chemical responsible for the marijuana

Who is eligible for the “Low THC Oil Registry Card?”

There are three categories of persons who may apply for the card:

an adult (age 18+) who has one or more of the diseases specified in the law, and who is a resident of the State of Georgia;

1. Legal guardians of an adult who has one or more of the diseases specified in the law, and who is a resident of the State of Georgia;
2. Parents or legal guardians of a minor child who has one or more of the diseases specified in the law, and is a resident of Georgia or was born in Georgia

WHAT DOES THE CARD ALLOW

The Georgia Medical Marijuana law is quite specific in key areas.

1. The only form of marijuana the Card provides protection for is Low THC Oil. This is defined as commercially-produced marijuana oil with no more than 5% THC, and a 1:1 ratio of THC vs CBD. The oil must be in a clearly-labeled pharmaceutical container. Residents with the card can possess up to 20 fluid ounces of Low THC Oil at any one time.
2. However, the law does not make it legal to buy Low THC Oil, and it doesn't make it legal to sell it, even to patients with cards. Yes, that sounds tricky and correcting this has been an ongoing discussion in the Legislature. Yet, the thousands of Georgia residents who have a card are buying and using Low THC Oil regularly, so it appears law enforcement officials will take into consideration the difficulty this situation presents for persons with serious illnesses. While Genesis Healthcare Associates not aware of any incidents where a cardholder has encountered trouble with law enforcement, you should exercise caution in this area.
3. The same is true for employment situations. The law did not provide protection for employees who run afoul of employer regulations, drug tests, etc. The Low THC Oil in your system will produce a positive reading on a urine test. Each person has to determine whether to discuss their Low THC Oil use with their employer, manager or HR department based on his/her own particular situation.
4. Furthermore, the 5% level that Georgia allows is above the current Federal limit. (.3%) This means possession of Medical Marijuana, legal in Georgia, is against Federal law. This is likely the same case for all states with marijuana laws. You are advised against traveling by commercial carrier with the oil. Driving in your own car may have certain risks as well, as not all states allow marijuana, medical or otherwise, and none recognize a card issued by another state.

After one year period, the patient must re-qualify by submitting an updated Low THC Oil Waiver, or whichever document the State of Georgia may require at that time.

HOW TO GET A CARD

Qualifying for and receiving a medical marijuana card for Georgia residents is simple and straightforward. Persons who have been diagnosed by a physician for one or more of the qualifying illnesses listed must have that diagnosis authenticated by a medical professional certified to determine eligibility.

Following your appointment, if you qualify, our providers will enter your patient information into the Georgia state medical marijuana internet portal.

The medical marijuana card is issued by the State Department of Health, generally within one to five business days. Patients are notified when and where to pick up their card, usually the closest County Health Department office. There is a \$25 fee for the card levied by the Department of Vital Records.

The medical marijuana card is valid for two years, but there are follow-up appointments required to maintain verification during that period. For your safety, Genesis Healthcare Associates conducts follow-up appointments every three to six months, depending on your condition. The appointments are centered on learning to what extent you are taking medical marijuana and how effective the medical marijuana may be in relieving your symptoms.

Failure to keep your follow-up appointments will result in revocation of your certificate.