MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACCESS IN THE U.S.

A Patient-Focused Analysis of the Patchwork of State Laws

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For more than a decade, Americans for Safe Access (ASA), the nation’s largest medical cannabis patient advocacy organization, has engaged state governments, the courts, and regulators to improve the development and implementation of state medical cannabis laws. This experience has taught us how to assess whether or not state laws meet the practical needs of patients, and it has provided us with the tools to advocate for programs that will better meet those needs.

The “MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACCESS IN THE U.S.” report analyzes the effectiveness of the state medical cannabis laws in the U.S. as of November 2017. It uses a matrix ASA has developed from years of input from our base, as well as our experience in helping lawmakers across the country implement medical cannabis programs. This metric has been a useful tool for evaluating medical cannabis laws, giving feedback to policy makers, drafting legislation and regulations, and creating needed amendments. The report also includes model legislation and regulations for medical cannabis laws.

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