

Candidate: Andrew Cuomo
Office: Governor of New York

Score: 7/10 points

Do you believe that patients using marijuana for medicinal reasons under the recommendation of their physician should be protected from arrest and prosecution under state law?

Yes. On July 7th, 2014, I signed into law the Compassionate Care Act, legalizing the use of medical marijuana for patients who have been certified by their treating physician.

Should physicians be allowed to determine which of their patients should have safe and legal access to marijuana for therapeutic purposes?

Yes. Under the Compassionate Care Act, patients who meet the criteria under the law and have been certified by their treating physician are eligible to use medical marijuana as their physicians recommend.

Should medical marijuana patients or their designated caregiver be allowed to cultivate marijuana for the patient's therapeutic use?

No. Under the Compassionate Care Act, the state will license organizations to manufacture and distribute medical marijuana to certified patients and/or their designated caregivers.

Should medical marijuana patients or their designated caregiver be allowed to purchase medical marijuana and infused products, such as edibles, tinctures, and lotions, from retail storefront locations?

Yes. Under the Compassionate Care Act, organizations licensed by the state to manufacture and distribute medical marijuana will sell medical marijuana directly to certified patients through retail outlets.

Should independent testing laboratories be authorized by the state to test medical marijuana for its chemical profile (such as THC and CBD content) and to ensure that the medicine is free of contaminants?

Yes. Under the Compassionate Care Act, every organization licensed by the state to manufacture and distribute medical marijuana must contract with an independent laboratory to test the marijuana it produces, must document the quality, safety and clinical strength of its medical marijuana, and must share that information with the New York State Department of Health.