



Issue	Possible Points		
PATIENT RIGHTS & CIVIL PROTECTION (total)	100	74	
Arrest protection	40	40	
Affirmative defense	15	13	
Child custody	10	0	
DUID protections	5	0	
Employment	5	5	
Explicit privacy standards.....	7	7	
Housing protections	5	5	
Does not create new criminal penalties for patients	5	4	
Organ transplants	5	0	
Reciprocity	3	0	
EASE OF NAVIGATION (total).....	100	71	
Comprehensive qualifying conditions.....	50	40	
Adding new conditions (total).....	10	9	
Law/Regs allow for new conditions	5	5	
System works for adding new conditions.....	5	4	
Reasonable access for minors.....	10	0	
Reasonable caregiver background check requirements..	4	4	
Number of caregivers	2	2	
Patient/Practitioner focused task force/advisory Board ..	2	0	
Reasonable fees (patients & caregivers).....	10	7	
Allows multiple-year registrations	2	0	
Reasonable physician requirements	5	4	
Does not classify cannabis as medicine of last resort.....	5	5	
ACCESS TO MEDICINE (total)	100	65	
Allows distribution programs (total).....	40	25	
Allows access to dried flowers.....	15	15	
Allows delivery	5	0	
No sales tax or reasonable sales tax	5	4	
Reasonable number of dispensing facilities	5	3	
Does not require vertical integration	2	2	
Ownership/Employment restrictions	2	1	
Provisions for labor standards	2	0	
Environmental impact regulations	2	0	
Unrestricted choice of dispensary	2	0	
Non-commercial cultivation (total)	20	0	
Personal cultivation.....	15	0	
Collective gardens	5	0	
Explicit right to edibles/concentrates/other forms	10	10	
Does not impose limits or bans on THC	10	10	
Does not impose minimum CBD requirements	10	10	
Municipal bans/zoning	10	10	
FUNCTIONALITY (total).....	100	76	
Patients are able to obtain medicine.....	50	45	
Free of significant administrative or supply problems..	15	12	
Legal protections within reasonable time frame	10	8	
Reasonable possession limit (ounces)	5	4	
Reasonable purchase limits.....	5	3	
Allows patients to medicate where they chose	5	4	
Covered by insurance/state health aide	3	0	
Financial hardship (fee waivers/discount medicine).....	7	0	
PRODUCT SAFETY (total - see back for details).....	100	78	
Dispensing	25	23	
Cultivation	25	19	
Manufacturing	25	18	
Lab.....	25	18	
Improvement Bonus.....		25	
Total out of 500.....		389	
Score percentage		78	

Final Grade = C+

Areas for improvement: The Connecticut medical cannabis program is functional in most respects, but statutory and regulatory requirements have kept the program from best serving the patients of the state. The lack of civil discrimination protections and denial of access to pediatric patients are some of the bigger flaws. The limited number of dispensing locations is also hindering patient access, and while the state wisely has added more dispensaries, the program still should award more licenses to allow for greater access. Patients would also benefit from lower prices and a greater variety of products by lifting the single-dispensary designation requirement.

Background: In 2012, Connecticut became the 17th medical cannabis state with the signing of HB 5389, An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana, which provides registered patients with protection from arrest when using or possessing up to a one-month supply of medical cannabis in accordance with the law and allows them to designate caregivers to assist them. Patients and caregivers registered with the Department of Consumer Protection may purchase medical cannabis from state-licensed dispensaries, but no personal cultivation is allowed. Final regulations were issued in 2013 and dispensaries began offering medicine to patients in September 2014, with six dispensaries eventually opening throughout the state. Three additional dispensaries are expected to be licensed in 2016.

PRODUCT SAFETY point breakdown

(Point totals by section included in grade calculation on reverse)

Issue	Possible Points		
DISPENSING (total)	25	23	
Dispensary training	5	5	
Operating Procedures and Protocols.....	5	5	
Facility sanitary conditions	Y or N	Y	
Storage protocols	Y or N	Y	
Reasonable security protocols	Y or N	Y	
Inventory control	Y or N	Y	
Recall protocol and adverse event reporting	5	5	
Product Labeling	5	3	
Product contents including source material ID	Y or N	Y	
Allergens	Y or N	Y	
Potency/compound identification	Y or N	0	
Required Testing	5	5	
Active ingredient identification	Y or N	Y	
Contaminants	Y or N	Y	
Potency	Y or N	Y	
CULTIVATION (total).....	25	19	
Cultivation training.....	5	0	
Standard Operating Procedures and Protocols	5	4	
Facility and equipment sanitary conditions	Y or N	Y	
Workforce safety protocols	Y or N	N	
Storage protocols (short and long term)	Y or N	Y	
Reasonable security protocols	Y or N	Y	
Batch and lot tracking	Y or N	Y	
Disposal/waste	Y or N	Y	
Water management	Y or N	N	
Pesticide Guidance and Protocols	5	5	
Pesticide guidance.....	Y or N	Y	
Product labeling	Y or N	Y	
Required testing.....	5	5	
Active ingredient identification	Y or N	Y	
Contaminants	Y or N	Y	
Potency	Y or N	Y	
Sample retention	Y or N	Y	
Recall protocol and adverse event reporting.....	5	5	
MANUFACTURING (total).....	25	18	
Manufacturing training	5	0	
Standard Operating Procedures and Protocols.....	5	4	
Facility and equipment sanitary conditions	Y or N	Y	
Workforce safety protocols	Y or N	N	
Storage protocols	Y or N	Y	
Reasonable security protocols	Y or N	Y	
Batch and lot tracking	Y or N	Y	
Product Labeling	5	5	
Product contents with source material ID	Y or N	Y	
Allergens	Y or N	Y	
Potency/compound identification	Y or N	Y	
Required Testing	5	4	
Active ingredient identification	Y or N	Y	
Contaminants	Y or N	Y	
Potency	Y or N	Y	
Shelf life testing	Y or N	N	
Sample retention	Y or N	Y	
Recall protocol and adverse event reporting:	5	5	
LABORATORY (total).....	25	18	
Lab operations training.....	5	5	
Method validation in accordance with AHP guidelines ..	5	0	
Result reporting - disclose the type of testing used.....	5	5	
Independent or third party certification.....	5	5	
Standard Operating Procedures and Protocols	5	3	
Equipment and instrument calibration	Y or N	N	
Sample tracking	Y or N	Y	
Facility and equipment sanitary conditions	Y or N	N	
Disposal/waste protocols	Y or N	Y	
Storage protocols	Y or N	Y	
Workforce safety protocols	Y or N	N	
Total out of 100		78	

Tools for Success:

Improving your state law has never been easier. In the appendix of this report you will find model legislation and regulators guides for product safety protocols. ASA staff are all also available to draft and/or review legislative and regulatory language. Our website has many resources online including access to our policy shop at http://www.safeaccessnow.org/policy_shop, information for regulators available at <http://patientfocusedcertification.org/about/information-for-regulators/> and a breakdown of all the state laws at http://www.safeaccessnow.org/state_and_federal_law.