



Issue	Possible Points	
PATIENT RIGHTS & CIVIL PROTECTION (total)	100	84
Arrest protection	40	40
Affirmative defense	15	15
Child custody	10	10
DUID protections	5	0
Employment	5	0
Explicit privacy standards.....	7	7
Housing protections	5	0
Does not create new criminal penalties for patients	5	4
Organ transplants	5	5
Reciprocity	3	3

EASE OF NAVIGATION (total).....	100	80
Comprehensive qualifying conditions.....	50	40
Adding new conditions (total).....	10	6
Law/Regs allow for new conditions	5	5
System works for adding new conditions.....	5	1
Reasonable access for minors.....	10	9
Reasonable caregiver background check requirements..	4	3
Number of caregivers	2	2
Patient/Practitioner focused task force/advisory Board ..	2	2
Reasonable fees (patients & caregivers).....	10	8
Allows multiple-year registrations	2	0
Reasonable physician requirements.....	5	5
Does not classify cannabis as medicine of last resort.....	5	5

ACCESS TO MEDICINE (total)	100	61
Allows distribution programs (total).....	40	24
Allows access to dried flowers.....	15	15
Allows delivery	5	0
No sales tax or reasonable sales tax.....	5	5
Reasonable number of dispensing facilities	5	2
Does not require vertical integration	2	0

Ownership/Employment restrictions	2	1
Provisions for labor standards	2	0
Environmental impact regulations	2	1
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	7

FUNCTIONALITY (total).....	100	57
Patients are able to obtain medicine.....	50	25
Free of significant administrative or supply problems..	15	8
Legal protections within reasonable time frame	10	7
Reasonable possession limit (ounces)	5	4
Reasonable purchase limits.....	5	4
Allows patients to medicate where they chose	5	4
Covered by insurance/state health aide.....	3	0
Financial hardship (fee waivers/discount medicine).....	7	5

PRODUCT SAFETY (total - see back for details).....	100	93
Dispensing	25	25
Cultivation	25	23
Manufacturing	25	25
Lab.....	25	20

Improvement Bonus.....	10
Total out of 500.....	385
Score percentage	77

Final Grade = C+

Areas for improvement: New Hampshire is a bit of a mixed bag at the moment. It does well in the area of product safety, yet the regulations will not directly help patients until the state implements the dispensary system it approved well over two years ago. Making matters worse, the state has fought to keep patients from being able to obtain registry ID cards, thereby denying them legal protections if they are currently using cannabis for therapeutic purposes. The state should finish implementing its dispensary system, issue ID cards to patients with a recommending physician, and pass emergency home cultivation language to allow for access while the state finishes the dispensary implementation process.

Background: In 2013, New Hampshire became the 19th medical cannabis state when Gov. Maggie Hassan signed HB 573, Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes, into law after similar bills had been vetoed twice before. Patients and caregivers registered with the New Hampshire Department of Health's medical cannabis program, in possession of a registry ID card, and no more than two ounces of cannabis are protected from arrest or prosecution. If charged, registration provides an affirmative defense for patients or caregivers in compliance with the law. Patients and caregivers may not be denied any right or privilege on the basis of their status. Personal cultivation of cannabis is prohibited. Medicine must be obtained by the patient or registered caregiver from one of four "Alternative Treatment Centers" to be licensed by the state; up to two ounces may be purchased every ten days. A patient may designate only one caregiver, but a caregiver may assist up to five patients. Caregivers are limited to transporting medicine from licensed centers and assisting with administration. The state has issued licenses for Alternative Treatment Centers, however, the locations for each center have not been determined and the state does not plan to issue ID cards to patients until dispensary locations are finalized.

PRODUCT SAFETY point breakdown

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

Issue	Possible Points		
DISPENSING (total)	25	25	
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	5	
Product contents including source material ID	Y or N	Y	
Allergens	Y or N	Y	
Potency/compound identification	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	
Shelf life testing	Y or N	Y	
Sample retention	Y or N	Y	
Recall protocol and adverse event reporting:	5	5	
CULTIVATION (total).....	25	23	
Cultivation training.....	5	5	
Standard Operating Procedures and Protocols	5	5	
Facility and equipment sanitary conditions ..	Y or N	Y	
Workforce safety protocols	Y or N	Y	
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	Y	
Pesticide Guidance and Protocols	5	3	
Pesticide guidance.....	Y or N	Y	
Product labeling	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	
Sample retention	Y or N	Y	
Recall protocol and adverse event reporting.....	5	5	
MANUFACTURING (total).....	25	25	
Manufacturing training	5	5	
Standard Operating procedures and protocols.....	5	5	
Facility and equipment sanitary conditions ..	Y or N	Y	
Workforce safety protocols	Y or N	Y	
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	5	
Active ingredient identification	Y or N	Y	
Contaminants	Y or N	Y	
Potency	Y or N	Y	
Shelf life testing	Y or N	Y	
Sample retention	Y or N	Y	
Recall protocol and adverse event reporting:	5	5	
LABORATORY (total).....	25	20	
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	5	
Equipment and instrument calibration	Y or N	Y	
Sample tracking	Y or N	Y	
Facility and equipment sanitary conditions ..	Y or N	Y	
Disposal/waste protocols	Y or N	Y	
Storage protocols	Y or N	Y	
Workforce safety protocols	Y or N	Y	
Total out of 100.....		93	

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.



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