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## Medical Marijuana Identification Card Program Opens in Fresno County

The Fresno County Medical Marijuana Identification Card (MMIC) Program will open on Tuesday, December 2, 2008. Under this program, the Fresno County Department of Public Health will be responsible to process MMIC Program applications and issue identification cards for qualified patients and primary caregivers.

The MMIC Program will be open from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Thursdays in the Department of Public Health located at 1221 Fulton Mall. Appointments are required. The fee for the card is \$49.00 for Medi-Cal recipients and \$107.00 for all others. The MMIC Program will begin accepting appointments on Friday, November 21, 2008. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 559-445-3434 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Patients must meet the following criteria to begin the MMIC application process:

- Residency - must be a resident of the county where application is made;
- Proof of identity - must bring proof of identity such as CA driver's license or CA identification card;
- Completed form - "Written Documentation of Patient's Medical Records" - a physician licensed in California must complete this form which will provide the diagnosis of an eligible medical condition for the patient;
- Photograph - a digital photo of patient and primary caregiver will be taken and will appear on the medical marijuana identification card;
- Fees - application fees must be paid when an application is submitted.

Application materials can be obtained online at [www.fcdph.org](http://www.fcdph.org) or can be picked up in the first floor clinic area of the Fresno County Department of Public Health located at 1221 Fulton Mall.

Passed in 1996, Proposition 215 (the "Compassionate Use Act") made the medical use of marijuana legal in California. In 2003, Senate Bill 420 was passed as a clarification of Proposition 215 and required the establishment of a statewide medical marijuana identification card and registry program under California Health and Safety Code and California Code of Regulations.

On September 9, 2008, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors approved implementation of the Medical Marijuana Identification Card Program in this county effective December, 2008.

For more information regarding the Fresno County MMIC Program, visit [www.fcdph.org](http://www.fcdph.org) or call 559-445-3434.

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