

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State Frankfort Kentucky 2025-335 May 29, 2025

Across the Commonwealth, our citizens suffer from a multitude of serious medical conditions from which they deserve relief.

The Governor signed Senate Bill 47 ("SB 47") on March 31, 2023, which became effective in the Commonwealth of Kentucky on June 29, 2023. Pursuant to SB 47, on January 1, 2025, it became lawful for Kentuckians to use medical cannabis if done in accordance with KRS Chapter 218B and any administrative regulations promulgated under those statutes.

As of May 29, 2025, the Kentucky Office of Medical Cannabis has licensed 81 medical cannabis businesses across all license types and issued more than 10,000 cards to registered qualified patients and designated caregivers in the Commonwealth.

As licensed medical cannabis businesses continue to take all necessary steps to become operational in Kentucky with substantial support from the Office of Medical Cannabis, I remain committed to providing relief to Kentuckians suffering from serious medical conditions as well as ensuring they have safe, affordable access to medical cannabis under the new program. I am also committed to ensuring those individuals who received their medical cannabis cards during the program's inaugural year do not incur renewal application fees without experiencing the full benefit of their cards and the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution and KRS 12.029, do hereby Declare, Order and Direct the following:

- I. For any individual who was approved by the Office of Medical Cannabis to receive a medical cannabis card in calendar year 2025, the Office of Medical Cannabis shall waive the \$25 renewal application fee established in 915 KAR 2:010, Section 4 if the cardholder properly applies and is approved for a renewal of his or her medical cannabis card in calendar year 2026.
- II. All other provisions and requirements contained in 915 KAR 2:010 remain in full force and effect.

This Order shall be effective May 29, 2025.

ANDY BESAEAR, Governor Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS Secretary of State