

Growers and Caregivers

Choosing Growers and Caregivers:

The following information provides helpful information if you are considering using a Grower and/or Caregiver.

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What to consider when choosing a Grower:

- It is no longer required that you list a Grower and Growsite on your OMMP application if you choose to use dispensaries as your source of medicine.
- **It is highly recommended that you choose a Grower that you know and trust.** You should not sign blank OMMP forms that will be completed by someone else; you have the right to know who your Grower is and where your medicine will be grown. It may also be a good idea to have a written agreement with your Grower so that each party has clear expectations.
- There are currently no legal guidelines that determine how much medicine a Grower must produce for the Patient.
- **ALL** medicine associated with a Patient's OMMP registry card, including seedlings, mature plants, and usable marijuana, is the property of the Patient and must be surrendered to the Patient or Caregiver upon request. See ORS 475.304 (5).
- Selling medical marijuana is still illegal; the Grower **may not be compensated** beyond the cost of supplies and utilities. See ORS 475.304 (7).
- Growers may transfer surplus medicine and plants to dispensaries only with **documented consent from the Patient**. See ORS 475.314 (9)(b) for details regarding Grower compensation by dispensaries.
- The Patient can remove his/her Grower or change to a new Grower at any time. (A registration change fee may apply).

Am I eligible to be a Grower?

An eligible Grower:

- **Must** be at least 18 years of age.
- **Must** have a valid U.S. state or federal issued photo ID.
- **Must not** have been convicted of any Class A or Class B felonies for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance within the last 5 years.
- **Must not** have been convicted **more than once** of a Class A or Class B felony for manufacture or delivery of controlled substances since January 01, 2006.
- **Must not** already be growing for 4 OMMP Patients.

Who should I designate as my Caregiver?

A Caregiver is a person designated by an OMMP Patient as someone who plays an important role in helping that Patient manage his/her health. The Caregiver is subject to the same legal limitations as the Patient. The Caregiver may assist the Patient in the *medical use of marijuana*, which is defined by law as production, possession, delivery, distribution or administration of marijuana and paraphernalia used to administer marijuana for the benefit of the Patient.

The Caregiver:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must have a valid U.S. state or federal issued photo ID
- Must be designated by the Patient on his/her OMMP application or other form of notification