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✓	38GL-25-1224	Department of Public Health and Social Services	Guam Board of Examiners for Optometry Board Meeting Packet for September 30, 2025*
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Hafa adai Governor Leon Guerrero and Speaker Blas,

Pursuant to Public Law 33-220, Section 2, the Department of Public Health and Social Services is submitting the 2024 Medical Cannabis Program Annual Report. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Lawrence Alcairo at lawrence.alcairo@dphss.guam.gov or (671) 922-2563.

Respectfully,
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Confirming receipt of the 2024 Medical Cannabis Program Annual Report.

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Re: 2024 Medical Cannabis Program Annual Report

Håfa adai Governor Leon Guerrero and Speaker Blas,

Pursuant to Public Law P.L. 33-220, Section 2, the Department of Public Health and Social Services is submitting the 2024 Medical Cannabis Program Annual Report.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact Lawrence Alcairo, Special Project Coordinator for the Medical Cannabis Program of the Division of Public Health at Lawrence.Alcairo@dphss.guam.gov or (671) 922-2563.

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'åse,

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Medical Cannabis Program
The Iloilo (KC) Conception II Compassionate Cannabis Use Act of 2013

2024 ANNUAL REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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1. Background

The Medical Cannabis Program (MCP), formerly the Bureau of Alternative Medicine, was established within the Division of Public Health of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) in 2017. Since its founding, the MCP has been responsible for overseeing the beneficial use of medical cannabis in a regulated system for alleviating symptoms caused by debilitating medical conditions and their medical treatments.

The Territory of Guam first legalized medical cannabis by referendum in 2014. In 2016, the 33rd Guam Legislature made major amendments to the Joaquin (KC) Concepcion Compassionate Cannabis Use Act to strengthen its provisions and, in 2018, the 34th Guam Legislature adopted the Rules and Regulations governing the MCP.

The MCP processes physician written certifications, issues patient registry identification cards, and issues permits for home cultivation of medical cannabis. The MCP also oversees businesses interested in operating a medical cannabis establishment. Since its establishment in 2017, MCP has registered over 200 patients.

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The statute and rules governing this program may be found at:
Guam Code Annotated: Title 10, Chapter 12, Article 25
Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations: Title 26, Division 1, Chapter 11

2. Executive Summary

In accordance with 10 GCA, Division 1, Chapter 12 Part 2, Article 25, § 122523 (b), the DPHSS shall submit to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* an annual report no later than the end of each fiscal year that does not disclose any identifying information about cardholders, medical cannabis dispensaries or attending physicians, but contains all of the following information:

- the number of registry identification card applications and renewals;
- the number of qualifying patients and designated caregivers;
- the nature of the debilitating medical conditions of the qualifying patients;
- the number of registry identification cards issued, renewed and revoked;
- the number of physicians providing written certifications for qualifying patients;
- the number of registered medical cannabis dispensaries;
- the number of registered medical cannabis dispensary agents; and
- the number of registered medical cannabis businesses approved, denied, or revoked for licenses and permits.

The data in this report reflects calendar year periods, unless otherwise noted.

3. Number of Registry Identification Card Applications and Renewals

Application Demographics	2024		2023	
	n	%	n	%
Total Patients	15	100	20	100%
Type				
New	9	60%	17	85%
Renewal	6	40%	3	15%
Age Group				
<20	0	0%	0	0%
20-29	0	0%	4	20%
30-39	2	13%	3	15%
40-49	3	20%	6	30%
50-59	5	33%	2	10%
60-69	3	20%	5	25%
>70	2	13%	0	0%
Gender				
Male	13	87%	15	75%
Female	2	13%	5	25%

4. Number of Qualifying Patients and Designated Caregivers

Under the Joaquin (KC) Concepcion Compassionate Cannabis Use Act, practitioners may issue medical cannabis written certifications to patients that have, “a debilitating medical condition and the practitioner believes that the potential health benefits of the medical use of cannabis would likely outweigh the health risks for the qualified patient”.

To be a qualifying patient in Guam’s medical program, among other things, an individual must possess a valid written certification. A written certification is only considered valid if it is “authenticate(d) [...] by affixing the DPHSS’s seal on the patient’s written certification.” (see: 10 GCA Ch. 12 Art. 25 § 122526(b). There is currently one (1) registered caregiver in the MCP.

Qualifying Patients Demographics	2024		2023	
	n	%	n	%
Total Patients/ Caregiver/s	16	100	22	100
Type				
New	9	60%	19	86%
Renewal	6	40%	3	14
Designated Caregiver	1	6%	0	0%
Age Group				
<20	0	0%	0	0
20-29	0	0%	4	18%
30-39	2	13%	4	18%
40-49*	4	25%	6	27%
50-59	5	33%	3	14%
60-69	3	20%	5	23%
>70	2	13%	0	0%
Gender				
Male	14	88%	17	77%
Female	2	13%	5	23%

*Includes one (1) Caregiver.

5. Nature of the Debilitating Medical Conditions of the Qualifying Patients

While § 122523(b)(3) of 10 GCA Chapter 12 Article 25, which governs the annual reporting requirements of the Joaquin (KC) Concepcion Compassionate Cannabis Use Act includes this statistic, § 122525(c) of 10 GCA Chapter 12 Article 25, a conflicting section, specifically states that “Medical conditions of qualified patients shall not be requested or required by the DPHSS”. Because of these conflicting statutes, this information has not been collected at this time.

6. Registry Identification Cards Issued, Renewed, and Revoked

Registry Demographics	2024		2023	
	n	%	n	%
Total Applications	15	100	22	100
Type				
New	9	60%	19	86%
Renewal	6	40%	3	14%
Revoked	0	0%	0	0%
Age Group				
<20	0	0%	0	0%
20-29	0	0%	4	18%
30-39	2	13%	4	18%
40-49	3	20%	6	27%
50-59	5	33%	3	14%
60-69	3	20%	5	23%
>70	2	13%	0	0%
Gender				
Male	13	87%	17	77%
Female	2	13%	5	23%

7. Physicians Providing Written Certifications for Qualifying Patients

In 2023 and 2024, there were four (3) physicians providing written certifications for qualifying patients.

8. Registered Medical Cannabis Dispensaries

In 2023 and 2024, there were no registered medical cannabis dispensaries in the Medical Cannabis Program.

9. Registered Medical Cannabis Dispensary Agents

In 2023 and 2024, there were no registered medical cannabis dispensary agents in the Medical Cannabis Program.

10. Registered Medical Cannabis Businesses Approved, Denied, or Revoked for Licenses and Permits

In 2023 and 2024, there were no registered medical cannabis businesses, approved, denied, or revoked for licenses and permits.