



# Summary of Indiana's Low-THC Cannabis Oil Program

In April 2017, the Indiana General Assembly passed and Gov. Eric Holcomb signed [HB 1148](#), a bill establishing a very limited low-THC medical cannabis program in the state for patients suffering from treatment-resistant epilepsy.

**Qualifying conditions:** Only patients suffering from “treatment-resistant epilepsy” are eligible for enrollment in the program. That means patients must have Dravet syndrome, Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, or another form of epilepsy where the patient has not responded to at least two other treatment options.

**Certifying physicians:** Physicians must be board certified in neurology in order to make recommendations for patient enrollment in the program.

**Cannabidiol:** Patients are only permitted to consume oil extracts composed of 0.3% THC or less and at least 5% CBD.

**Caregivers:** Parents and legal guardians of patients can enroll in the program as caregivers; caregivers must be at least 18 years old.

**Residency:** Patients must be residents of Indiana; this means patients visiting Indiana from another state may not participate in the state program.

**Registry:** The department of health will develop and maintain a registry for patients and caregivers. The department will develop a registration fee not greater than \$50; renewal fees will not be greater than \$25. The department will also develop rules creating a fee reduction or waiver for indigent patients. Registrations shall last for one year or less should the doctor request a shorter expiration date.

**Legal protections:** Patients and caregivers have a defense to prosecution — though no immunity from arrest — for activity covered by the program.

**Access to cannabidiol:** This law does not grant access to cannabidiol to patients. Therefore, MPP does not consider it a workable program.

**Effective date:** July 1, 2017.