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PTSD and Medical Cannabis Programs

Upon the recommendation of an eight-member advisory board of physicians, New Mexico became the first state to specifically list PTSD as a qualifying condition in 2009. Now, 17 states, the District of Columbia, and Guam allow patients to administer medical cannabis for post-traumatic stress disorder. Fourteen states specifically list PTSD as a qualifying condition — either by statute or legislation — while three more and Washington D.C. allow doctors broad latitude to recommend cannabis for any serious conditions.

Jurisdiction	Is PTSD Specifically Listed?	Allowed by Legislation, Initiative, or Administratively?
Arizona	PTSD is listed in regulations	Administratively
California	PTSD is not specifically listed; the law allows broad discretion for doctors	Initiative
Connecticut	PTSD is listed in the law	Legislation
Delaware	PTSD is listed in the law	Legislation
Hawaii	PTSD is listed in the law	Legislation
Illinois	PTSD is listed in the law	Legislation
Maine	PTSD is listed in the law	Legislation
Maryland	The law allows broad discretion for doctors, and doctors are encouraged to certify patients with PTSD in regulations	Legislation
Massachusetts	PTSD is not specifically listed; the law allows broad discretion for doctors	Initiative
Michigan	PTSD is listed in regulations	Administratively
Nevada	PTSD is listed in regulations	Administratively
New Mexico	PTSD is listed in regulations	Administratively
Oregon	PTSD is listed in the law	Legislation
Ohio	PTSD is listed in the law	Legislation
Pennsylvania	PTSD is listed in the law	Legislation
Rhode Island	PTSD is listed in the law	Legislation
Washington State	PTSD is listed in the law	Legislation
Guam	PTSD is listed in the law	Initiative
Washington, D.C.	PTSD is not specifically listed; the law allows broad discretion for doctors	Legislation

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