

Only a licensed California physician can own, control and operate a medical clinic (i.e., practice). It is against California law, for lay people (i.e. unlicensed persons) to operate, own, control, a medical clinic. The law clearly states that the medical clinic must be organized as a Professional California Corporation which can only be obtained from the State of California by a licensed physician. If a lay person (i.e., unlicensed person) is known to or represents that they own, control and/or operate a medical practice, they will be criminally prosecuted to the fullest extent of California law.

It is your legal obligation to verify every medical marijuana clinic:

As required by California law Proposition 215 & SB 420 it is your legal duty to verify every recommendation for every patient prior to allowing that patient entry into your dispensary. If a patient does not have a valid recommendation, they cannot enter and obtain medication.

It is your legal obligation and legal responsibility to verify every medical marijuana clinic to make sure that they are licensed and operating legally in order to protect patients and to ensure that illegal medical marijuana clinics stop operating and stop endangering the lives and health of patients who seek medical help for their medical problems and believe that they are visiting a legal and licensed medical marijuana clinic.

How to Verify If a Medical Marijuana Clinic Is Licensed To Practice Medicine in the State Of California

1. When does a medical marijuana clinic need a fictitious name permit?

a. If you are a licensed physician and surgeon, practicing under a fictitious, false or assumed name in any public communication, advertisement, sign or announcement. Example: "ABC Evaluation Center".

2. How do I verify a medical marijuana clinic to make sure they are legally licensed to practice medicine in the state of California?

A. Please visit: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Breeze/License_Verification.aspx

B. Then please click on the licensees tab on top or go to: [<http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/>

C. On the left side (Quick Links) please click on fictitious name permit or go to: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Breeze/License_Verification.aspx

D. Click on name search for fictitious name permit:

E. Enter the exact name of the medical marijuana clinic as advertised in the business name field to search for a valid fictitious name permit, meaning that the fnp permit is (i.e., License Renewed & Current); Example: "ABC Evaluation Center".

i. If your search reveals the exact name of abc evaluation center as advertised by the medical marijuana clinic and the fnp licensed in renewed and current, this constitutes a legal medical marijuana clinic;

ii. If your search does not reveal the exact name as advertised of abc evaluation center and no records returned is the result and abc evaluations center does not have a fnp license renewed & current, that means that this medical practice is operating illegally and in clear violation of California law and California Medical Board rules and regulations;

iii. Such illegal and unlicensed medical clinics marijuana clinics will be investigated and criminally prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law;

iv. Furthermore, all recommendations that are issued by illegal and unlicensed medical marijuana clinics will be revoked without notice.

In closing, recommendations issued by unlicensed/illegal medical marijuana clinics are invalid and will be revoked. It is estimated that over 100,000 patients in the State of California have been issued recommendations by illegal and unlicensed medical marijuana clinics. For further questions, call the State of California Medical Board Licensing Program at (916) 263- 2382 or (800) 633-2322.

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