

# MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE



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# OFFICE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Our mission is to protect Delawareans through **proactive monitoring and enforcement** of the Delaware Medical Marijuana Act and accompanying regulations.

We conduct rigorous inspection of regulated vendors to **minimize the risk to human health and environmental impact.**



# MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMPASSION CENTERS



## First State Compassion

- 37 Germay Drive, Wilmington DE 19804
- 12000 Old Vine Blvd., Unit 102, Lewes, DE 19958

## Columbia Care Delaware

- 5606 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803
- 200 S. DuPont Blvd., Smyrna, DE 19977
- 36725 Bayside Outlet Drive, Suite 760 Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

## Fresh Cannabis

- 800 Ogletown Road, Newark, DE 19711
- 22982 Sussex Highway, Seaford, DE 19973 (scheduled to open in 2022)

## The Farm

- 105 Irish Hill Rd, Felton, DE 19943
- 240 S DuPont Highway, #200A, New Castle, DE 19720 (opening in 2022)

## CannTech

- 516 Jefferic Blvd, Dover, DE 19901 (scheduled to open in 2022)
- 23 Georgetown Plaza, Georgetown DE 19947 (scheduled to open in 2022)

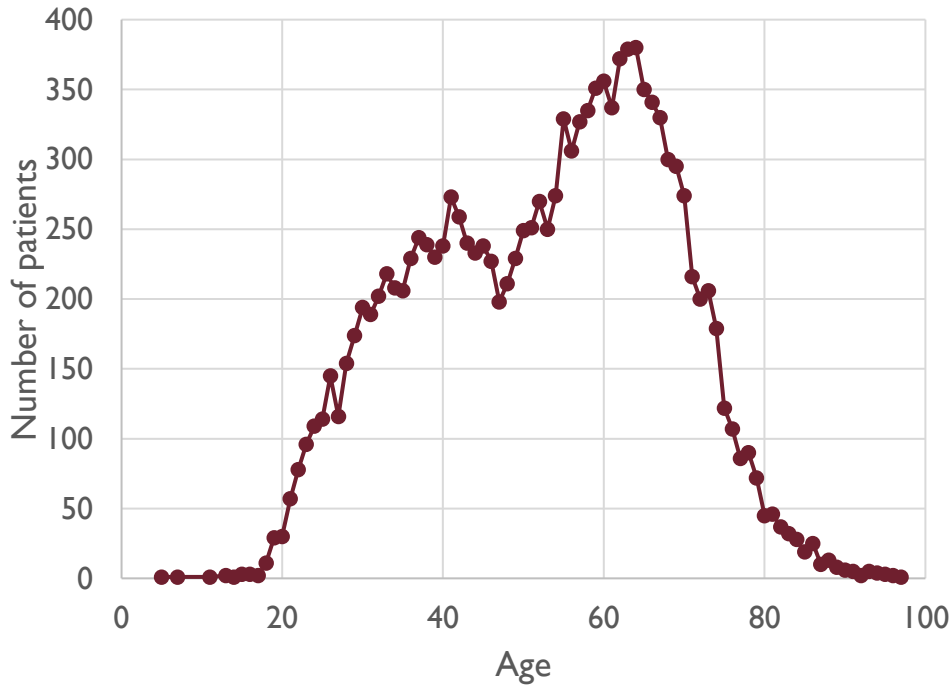
## Valor Cannabis

- 1601 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE (scheduled to open in 2022)

Current retail  Opening 2022 retail 

# DELAWARE'S PATIENT POPULATION

Patient Population by Age

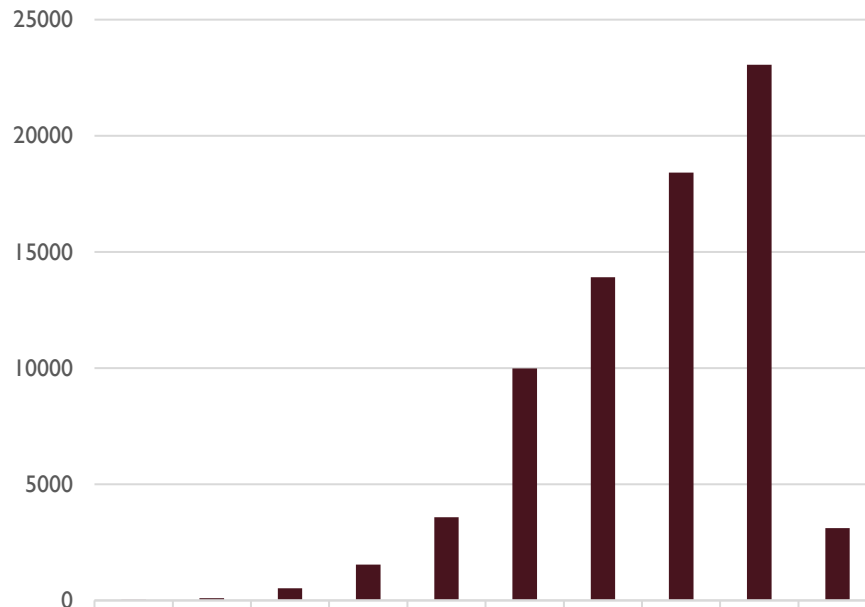


Current as of 2/18/2022

Category	Patients
<b>&gt;70</b>	<b>1,774</b>
<b>50-69</b>	<b>6,382</b>
<b>18-49</b>	<b>5,618</b>
Male	6,901
Female	7,901
<b>New Castle</b>	<b>7,573 (51%)</b>
<b>Sussex</b>	<b>4,639 (31%)</b>
<b>Kent</b>	<b>2,619 (18%)</b>

# PROGRAM EXPANSION BY YEAR

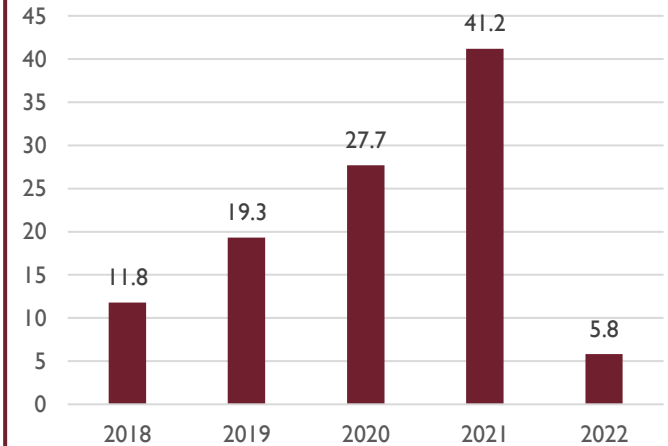
## Cards Issued



■ Card Holders

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Card Holders	38	102	528	1550	3588	9993	13914	18416	23059	3121

## Sales by Year in Millions of Dollars



# OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SUPPORT

## **The Office of Medical Marijuana supports MMAOC by:**

- Scheduling and providing administrative support during meetings
- Bringing in presenters to discuss new marijuana research
- Providing program updates regarding:
  - Patient population demographics
  - Product availability
  - Sales
  - Levels of production



# MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (MMAOC)

- **Established in 2011** through SB 17 (146<sup>th</sup> GA)
- Goal of MMAOC was to **oversee the Department's implementation** of Chapter 49A, Title 16 and accompanying regulations
- Original appointment authority given to legislature; no appointments made until 2015 after **authority moved to Governor** through SB 7 (148<sup>th</sup> GA)



# MMAOC MEMBERSHIP

There are currently **9 voting members**, 6 appointed by the Governor, 2 appointed by the legislature, and 1 the designee of the DPH Director.

Applications are under review by the Governor's Office to fill vacancies.

<b>Dr. Jason Silversteen – Chair</b>	Director, Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Center, Christiana Care
<b>Senator Elizabeth Lockman – Vice Chair</b>	Senate Majority Whip (SD 3)
<b>Representative Stephanie T. Bolden</b>	Representative (RD 2)
<b>Dr. Joshua Rosen</b>	Division of Public Health, Office of the Medical Director (DPH Director designee)
<b>Stephen Dorian</b>	New Castle County Patient
<b>Thomas Shabazz</b>	Kent County Patient
<b>Susan Kelly</b>	Sussex County Caregiver
<b>Vacant</b>	Medical Professional
<b>Vacant</b>	Policy Development



# MMAOC OVERVIEW

**The MMAOC is statutorily\* obligated to make recommendations regarding:**

- Ability of qualifying patients to obtain **timely access to high-quality medical marijuana**
- **Effectiveness of the registered compassion centers** (education and support services, fees, complaints or security problems, enough operating)
- **Effectiveness of the registered safety compliance facilities**
- Sufficiency of the **regulatory and security safeguards** established by OMM
- **Additions or revisions to the regulations or Code** related to security, safe handling, labeling, and nomenclature
- Any **research studies regarding health effects** of medical marijuana for patients



\*16 Del.C. §4922A(a)(6)

# MMAOC CHALLENGES

**Since its first meeting in 2015, the MMAOC has experienced the following challenges:**

- Lack of regular committee member attendance and inability to reach quorum
- Difficulty in finding discussion topics
- Discrepancy between public perception and actual scope of MMAOC authority



# MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM PROGRESS

- OMM staff has absorbed exponential growth in patient population while maintaining rigorous inspections of compassion centers
- Addition of new growers and vendors to expand patient access
- During COVID-19 pandemic: supported launch of online ordering, curbside, and home delivery options; conducted patient satisfaction survey
- Regulatory update to facilitate marijuana-infused edibles production
- Two new patient card categories (Compassionate Use & CBD Rich)
- Most stringent product standards and world class testing facility
  - Toughest standard on mold/yeast/bacteria: DE standard <400 cfu/g
  - MD <100,000 cfu/g, PA <10,000 cfu/g, CO <1,000 cfu/g



# FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

We acknowledge the recommendation to sunset MMAOC and do not dispute that MMAOC has outlived its original intent.

## **Opportunities for continued engagement:**

- Additional patient satisfaction surveys
- Newsletters and/or virtual office hours
- Informal workgroups with patients, medical providers, compassion centers, and OMM

*We look forward to working with the JLOSC on these initiatives.*





THANK YOU