

Mission and Vision

Charged with administering the MMRP, DHSS aligned its priorities and goals with the needs of the new program to ensure efficient and successful implementation of the MMRP. This is evident in the DHSS 2019 Strategic Priorities Placemat, which is a comprehensive and methodical design identifying initiatives and themes targeted at accomplishing the department's overarching aspirations. One initiative focuses directly on the MMRP and asserts DHSS will: "Ensure Medical Marijuana Milestones are being identified and completed." This initiative serves to support a DHSS-wide goal to: "Enhance access to care," and ultimately, to: "protect health and keep people in Missouri safe."

The MMRP mission and vision were developed with consideration of both DHSS goals and the will of the voters. Three strategic priorities and definitive goals were identified as necessary to achieve the mission. Collectively, these priorities and goals established the foundation for implementing Missouri's standards for the MMRP.

Mission

To administer Missouri's Medical Marijuana Regulatory Program in alignment with the provisions of Article XIV of the Constitution, as determined by the will of the citizens of Missouri.

Strategic Priorities

1. Make medical marijuana accessible for qualifying patients in Missouri;
2. Uphold safety and quality standards for medical marijuana; and
3. Regulate the medical marijuana industry to comply with Missouri law and keep communities safe.

Goals

1. Fulfill the will of the voters by ensuring all required deadlines are met while protecting the constitution.
2. Learn from other states that have gone through this process before while keeping Missouri's unique characteristics in mind.
3. Create a level playing field by enforcing all regulatory requirements in a firm, transparent, and consistent manner.

Vision Statement

A program that provides safe and secure access to medical marijuana for qualifying Missouri patients through consistent regulation, enforcement, and education.

Supporting Value Statements:

1. We are committed to being transparent in our processes and accountable for our decisions that impact those we serve.
2. We believe that collaboration and coordination with partners leads to administrative efficiencies and has a positive impact on service delivery.
3. We believe that research and analysis informs our practices and leads to the most effective high quality programs.
4. We strive to provide the highest level of quality in the delivery of our services.

