

### **Monthly Leaflet**

February 2025

#### <u>Legislative Update - HB 611 introduced in the House</u>

House Bill 611 was passed out of the Mississippi House of Representatives on Tuesday (1/28), with a vote of 113 to 5. This bill, if enacted, would recalculate our MMCEU allotment system to equalize all forms of ingestion (1 UNIT = 1 g TOTAL THC), and would allow for telemedicine consultations for initial certifications of patients who are homebound or bedbound.

Senate Bill 2748, a companion bill to House Bill 611, also passed out of the Senate Medicaid Committee and is expected to be taken to a vote in the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee in the coming days.

The deadline for all Committee Reports is Tuesday, February 4th.

We will continue to monitor these pieces of legislation and advocate on

behalf of additional changes as they move through the session.

## 3MA's 3rd Annual Sippi Cup Event - Sponsorship Opportunities going Fast!

We're only 3 Months away from Mississippi's largest and most popular medical cannabis Advocacy event of the year! The Mississippi Medical Marijuana Association's 3rd Annual Sippi Cup Event on Saturday, April 19th in Gulfport! Join us for a full evening of entertainment, education and advocacy. Live music - arts & craft vendors, and more!

Sponsorship and Vendor booth spaces are limited. If you have a business within the Mississippi medical cannabis industry - you won't want to miss it this year!

The Sippi Cup 2025



#### 3MA's "Grow Together"- January 30th 2025

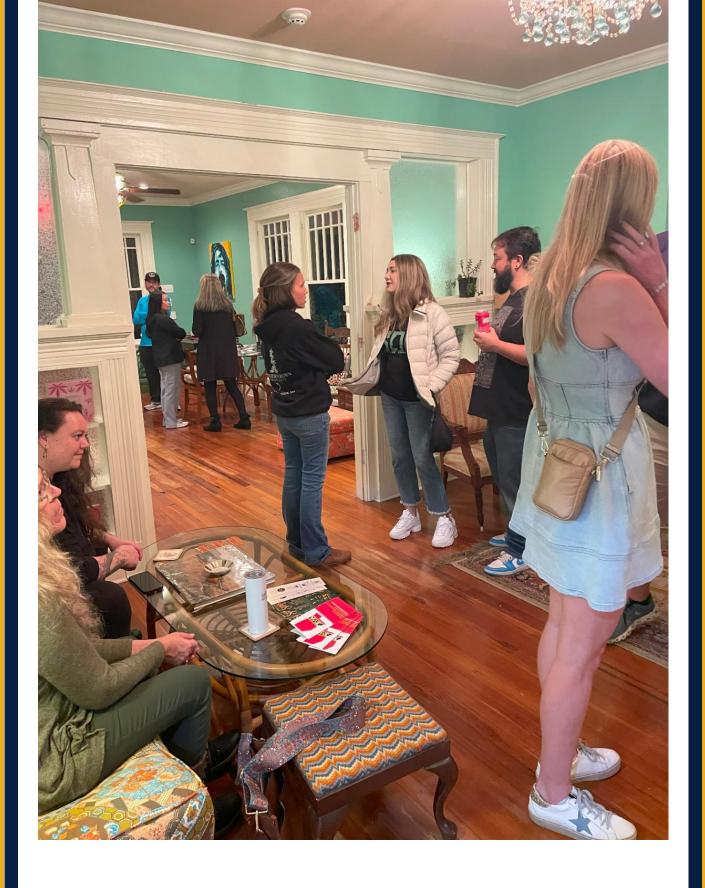
We were so excited to see such an amazing turnout on Thursday, January 30th for 3MA's first *Grow Together* Event of 2025! We want to thank our event's sponsors for helping support such an amazing event!

- High Life Accounting
- Southern Grown Therapeutics

- Green House Social
- Apotha

We also want to thank the Entourage House for allowing us to host at their location! We will see you all soon for the next one! Stay tuned to our social medias and newsletter for information surrounding our upcoming events.







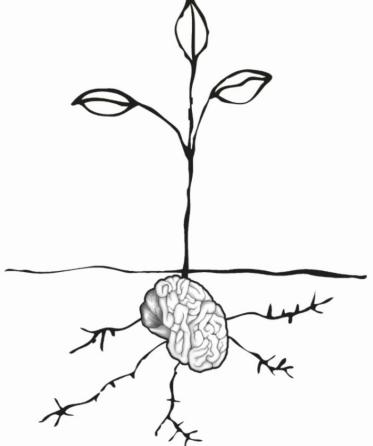
## <u>Planting the Seeds of Understanding Event - February 27th, 2025</u>

We are thrilled to extend an invitation to our community as 3MA prepares to host an exciting series of public events designed specifically for patients, practitioners, and community leaders over the next six months, commencing with our inaugural gathering in Wiggins, MS, on Thursday,

February 27th. In partnership with the Mississippi Department of Health and the National Center for Cannabis Research and Education, we are dedicated to providing invaluable educational resources that promote safe and effective practices in the use of medical cannabis.

We are deeply honored to have received the Mississippi Department of Health's first-ever public grant aimed at enhancing education and awareness within this vital program. This achievement underscores our commitment to fostering unity and collaboration among our members in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for the support that has made this possible. We warmly invite you to join us in these upcoming events, as your participation is essential in strengthening our community and empowering one another through knowledge and shared experiences.

# Planting The Seeds of Understanding



Wiggins Senior Center

1240 S Magnolia Drive Wiggins, MS Thursday February 27th 5-9pm

Learn about cannabis, Open to the public

#### MSDH/MSDR Annual Reports 2024 - Now Available

The annual report on the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program by the MSDH are now available on their websites. Click the links below to view the full reports.

We want to thank both the Mississippi Department of Health and Revenue for their continued work to ensure Mississippi patients have access to safe and effective medicine.

#### **MSDH Annual Report 2024**

#### **MSDR Annual Report 2024**

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#### **Cannabis Related News**

This section of 3MA's Monthly Leaflet includes interesting articles and news publications from MS and around the country related to cannabis that 3MA has seen from the previous month.

**NOTE** - These articles and the views expressed within do not necessarily represent the views or opinions of 3MA or its members. 3MA simply wishes to provide resources to our subscribers and members to help keep them informed.

#### **National**

- Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller (R) argues in a new op-ed that
  the state should restrict "potentially dangerous" intoxicating hemp products
  while expanding the limited medical cannabis program to "include far more
  medical conditions than it currently does."
- A Food and Drug Administration spokesperson said hemp is a higher priority for agency warnings than marijuana is because it's not regulated in many states and is more widely available.
- A study found that "people living with chronic pain report important pain relief when using cannabis for medical purposes, and that men may achieve greater pain relief than women."

#### **Local**

- · How much money do alcohol, cannabis make for Mississippi?
- Pass Christian cannabis dispensary optimistic as nearby Buc-ee's construction nears finish

The Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program has

51,105

ACTIVE PATIENTS within the program as of 2/1/25

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