



State Medical Marijuana Programs'

State medical marijuana programs have generally and some have even generated substantial surpluses. Most states administer their medical marijuana programs to set the fees for administering the programs. Medical marijuana dispensaries pay between \$5,000 and \$30,000, though some pay in excess of \$50,000. In Oregon, and Arizona, patient registry programs, dispensaries pay between \$25 and \$100 for registry identification cards they renew annually. California, Oregon, and Arizona, patient registry programs, dispensaries have brought in millions of dollars in surpluses. Other states, such as Colorado, have been able to run comprehensive medical marijuana programs without dispensary regulation, while covering the program costs through other means.

While MPP believes states should not seek to generate revenue from medical marijuana whose medication is not covered by insurance, several states have generated related revenue, most of the states that allow dispensaries to charge a tax on medical marijuana sales. Some states and localities have also imposed taxes, and special sales taxes. In California, the state sales tax on medical marijuana is estimated at up to \$50 million a year. The available data shows that medical marijuana programs have not posed a significant financial burden. They have overwhelmingly been cost neutral or revenue generating.

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