Caregiver and pickup checklist

For adults helping a South Dakota patient. Registration, pickup, help at home, and care-facility use raise different questions.

- ☐ **Name the task.** Do you need to apply, pick up a purchase, help with use at home, or arrange care at a facility? Start with that specific question.
- ☐ **Confirm the caregiver designation.** Being a relative or holding the patient's card does not establish your own pickup authority. Ask DOH what registration is needed for your situation. [1]
- ☐ **Let the patient complete their step first.** DOH's process starts the caregiver account after the patient completes the application and designates a caregiver. Watch for the activation email, including the junk folder. [2]
- ☐ **Prepare your documents.** Gather the identification and acceptable photo requested by DOH. Use medcannabisapplication.sd.gov for the caregiver application. [2]
- ☐ **Complete the background-check process.** Follow the current DCI and DOH instructions, including forms, fingerprints, release, and any fee. Ask DOH which caregiver fees currently apply. [2]
- ☐ **Confirm approval before pickup.** Check your caregiver status. Call the dispensary before traveling and ask which caregiver card, photo ID, patient information, and verification it needs. [1]
- ☐ **Check the patient's purchase allowance.** A caregiver purchase uses the patient's allowance; changing shops does not create a new limit. The dispensary must verify eligibility and the applicable limit. [1]
- ☐ **Ask about care-facility rules first.** Get the facility's written use and storage policy before bringing cannabis there. Use the family guide for the separate state and federal questions.

Keep the limits clear. This checklist does not decide federal caregiver or transfer questions. For a particular legal dispute, ask a lawyer. DOH program help: 605-773-3361 | MCQuestions@state.sd.us.

Primary sources and full explanation

[1] S.D. Codified Laws § 34-20G-70 (2026). https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/34-20G-70.

[2] S.D. Dep't of Health, Step-by-Step Guide for Caregivers (rev. Dec. 17, 2024). https://doh.sd.gov/media/yrvhor1c/stepbystepguide_caregivers.pdf.

Full explanation: WeedPress patient guide (website: Patient Help).