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National Medical Cannabis Day to Convene America's Leading Physicians, Policymakers, Industry Executives and Patient Advocates on Capitol Hill

Landmark Washington, D.C. Summit Will Present a National Blueprint for the Future of Medical Cannabis Following Historic Federal Rescheduling Developments

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 23, 2026 — At one of the most consequential moments in the history of medical cannabis, the **Patient First Coalition**, in partnership with the **American Council of Cannabis Medicine (ACCM)**, will host **National Medical Cannabis Day** on **Thursday, July 23, 2026**, in Washington, D.C., as the capstone event of **Healthy America 2026 – Taking the Capitol**.

The national gathering will bring together an unprecedented cross-section of health freedom leaders, physicians, researchers, elected officials, federal agency representatives, insurers, employers, hospital executives, veterans' organizations, patient advocates, dispensary operators, growers, biotechnology innovators, and medical cannabis professionals to shape the next chapter of patient-centered cannabis medicine in the United States.

As federal policy continues to evolve and the nation prepares for a new era of medical cannabis regulation, National Medical Cannabis Day will move beyond policy discussions and focus on implementation. The conference will explore how medical cannabis can be responsibly integrated into mainstream healthcare through physician oversight, evidence-based medicine, insurance reimbursement, standardized industry and clinical protocols, technology integration, and improved patient access.

"This is no longer simply a discussion about cannabis—it is a discussion about the future of healthcare," said **Doug Bennis**, Advisory Board Chairman of the Patient First Coalition, and ACCM Executive Committee Member. "America has an extraordinary opportunity to build a patient-first medical cannabis system grounded in science, physician leadership, accountability, and access. National Medical Cannabis Day will bring together the leaders who are prepared to turn that vision into reality."

Throughout the day, nationally recognized experts will examine the scientific evidence supporting medical cannabis, physician education, evolving federal and state policy, patient protections, clinical standards, quality assurance, healthcare delivery models, veterans' care, emerging therapeutic applications, payer participation, and the expanding role of medical cannabis within integrated healthcare systems.

A featured highlight of the event will be the formal presentation of the **Patient First Coalition Medical Cannabis Committee Blueprint**—a comprehensive national framework developed by leading physicians, medical cannabis pioneers, health freedom leaders, patient advocates, legal experts, technology leaders, and full industry stakeholders. The Blueprint provides practical recommendations addressing physician participation, insurance integration,

dispensary standards, interoperability, patient safety, compliance, research expansion, education, and implementation strategies designed to strengthen the medical cannabis ecosystem nationwide.

The American Council of Cannabis Medicine will also introduce several national initiatives designed to elevate medical cannabis as a recognized component of modern healthcare. These initiatives include physician education, clinical best practices, patient referral systems, healthcare technology integration, insurance collaboration, professional certification, and enhanced standards for patient care across the country.

"Patients deserve the same level of quality, professionalism, accountability, and clinical excellence they expect throughout every aspect of healthcare," said Priscilla Agoncillo, ACCM Standards Committee Chair and Patient First Medical Cannabis Committee member "National Medical Cannabis Day represents an opportunity for physicians, healthcare systems, policymakers, insurers, and industry leaders to build a stronger medical cannabis infrastructure that improves patient outcomes while supporting responsible innovation."

Unlike traditional cannabis conferences, National Medical Cannabis Day places patients and healthcare at the center of every discussion. The program has been specifically designed to foster meaningful collaboration among medical professionals, hospitals, academic researchers, insurers, legislators, federal agencies, employers, veterans' organizations, advocacy groups, and responsible industry leaders committed to advancing evidence-based medicine.

"Medical cannabis is no longer a question of possibility—it is a question of access. Together, we can build a future where innovation, research, and compassionate care come together to improve lives. Said, Kari Boiter, Patient First Coalition Medical Cannabis Committee Legislative Chairman

In addition to keynote presentations and policy discussions, participants will engage in executive networking sessions, collaborative roundtables, strategic planning forums, and meetings intended to launch new partnerships that will continue shaping the future of medical cannabis long after the conference concludes.

National Medical Cannabis Day is held in conjunction with **Healthy America 2026 – Taking the Capitol**, one of the nation's fastest-growing healthcare leadership conferences. Healthy America convenes innovators from across medicine, public policy, technology, nutrition, wellness, regenerative medicine, health freedom, patient advocacy, and healthcare finance to identify actionable solutions that improve health outcomes across America.

"National Medical Cannabis Day is about putting patients first, advancing science, and ensuring every American has access to safe, evidence-based medical cannabis when it can improve their quality of life." Said, Dan Rush, Patient First Coalition Medical Cannabis Committee Chairman

Conference organizers expect attendees from nearly every segment of the health industry, including physicians, health systems, health freedom leader, insurers, medical associations, elected officials, agency leaders, investors, researchers, entrepreneurs, veterans' organizations, and patient advocacy groups.

Registration remains open, with attendance expected from leaders of organizations representing millions of patients and healthcare consumers nationwide.

About National Medical Cannabis Day

National Medical Cannabis Day is a national educational and policy initiative dedicated to advancing physician-led medical cannabis, patient access, scientific research, clinical excellence, responsible regulation, and healthcare integration. The annual event serves as a collaborative platform where leaders from medicine, government, healthcare, academia, patient advocacy, and industry work together to improve the future of medical cannabis in America.

About Healthy America 2026 – Taking the Capitol

Healthy America 2026 – Taking the Capitol is a national health freedom leadership conference bringing together influential voices from across healthcare, public policy, business, technology, and patient advocacy to develop practical solutions that strengthen the health and well-being of Americans through innovation, collaboration, and action.

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