



**From Medical Marijuana to Medicaid - What You Need to Know about the Public Policy Debate in Illinois**

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## Where do we stand?

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- ❖ Executive Director, Rich Paul
- ❖ Lobbyist, Vince Persico
- ❖ Illinois Medical Eye-PAC
- ❖ Committed Executive Board
- ❖ COS/ Academic Organizations
- ❖ Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS)
- ❖ AAO



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- ❖ IAO (Illinois Association of Ophthalmology)
- ❖ IOA (Illinois Optometric Association)

## Medical Pilot Project

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- ❖ "The State of Illinois is warning that it will not be legal for anyone to grow, offer to provide, or to possess, medical cannabis until licenses have been issued and the program is up and running."
- ❖ 4 year pilot project
- ❖ Multiple state agencies must adopt rules (licensing of dispensaries, certification of patients, etc)

- ❖ "Qualified" patients may purchase less than 2.5 ounces of medical cannabis over a 14-day period
- ❖ To "qualify," a physician must give a written certificate stating the patient has a "debilitating condition"
- ❖ Glaucoma is among the 40 different conditions under the law.

