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Medical Marijuana I.D. Card Program Begins in Sacramento County

(Sacramento, CA) –Sacramento County residents wishing to apply for a Medical Marijuana Identification Card may do so beginning the week of January 12th. Sacramento County Vital Records has begun scheduling appointments to receive completed applications. Applications will **only** be accepted by appointment, and appointment times are available two days a week on Wednesdays or Fridays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Sacramento County's Medical Marijuana Identification Card program was approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 16, 2008. The program provides the State of California's official Medical Marijuana Identification Card to qualified patients and primary caregivers. The identification card is designed to help law enforcement officers determine whether individuals using marijuana meet the requirements of the Compassionate Use Act, a law approved by California voters in 1996 which made the use of medical marijuana legal in the state.

California developed the voluntary statewide identification card program to register qualified patients and their primary caregivers. The card verifies that a **patient** is authorized to possess, grow, transport and/or use medical marijuana in California, or that a **caregiver** is authorized to possess, grow, and transport medical marijuana in California.

The application form for the Medical Marijuana Identification Card can be downloaded from the Sacramento County Public Health web site at www.SCPH.com or picked up at the Sacramento County Vital Records office, 7001 East Parkway, Suite 650, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Vital Records will also mail the application form to anyone calling to request it at (916) 875-2066.