

Why PFC?

Patient Focused Certification (PFC) is a non-profit, third-party certification for the medical cannabis industry offered by Americans for Safe Access (ASA). ASA has been fighting for the rights of patients and for safe and legal access to medical cannabis for over decade. As an independent organization, we are able to work with regulators, industry, healthcare professionals and patients to set industry standards nationwide.

PFC is the only certification based on the new quality standards for medical cannabis products and businesses issued by the American Herbal Products Association and the American Herbal Pharmacopeia. The program was established to help medical cannabis businesses ensure the production of quality products & services while giving patients, caregivers, healthcare providers, and regulators a way to easily identify them.

Where Do I Find PFC Certified Companies & Products?

Visit: patientfocusedcertification.org/companies

Companies participating in the PFC program can be found on our website above. If there is not a company near you, take this brochure to your local provider and ask them to enroll!



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Look for
the PFC Seal

Choose Your
Medicine
with Confidence



What does the PFC Seal tell you?

When you see the PFC seal at a distribution center or on a product label, it tells you that the quality of products and services has been verified through the rigorous Patient Focused Certification Program.

Patient Focused Certification means:

- Company staff are well trained
- Products and services have been tested for contaminants
- Products and services meet legal requirements as well as AHPA and AHP standards
- Companies have recall protocols in place



How does PFC provide Certification?

PFC works with companies who voluntarily participate in the program and agree to adhere to local laws, AHPA and AHP standards. We verify their companies through a comprehensive evaluation process.

Our auditors:

- ✓ Perform thorough audits of the facilities.
- ✓ Test products in PFC certified laboratories.
- ✓ Conduct at least one surprise audit a year to ensure PFC standards are upheld.
- ✓ Maintain a consumer complaint database and follow up with the company for any needed corrective action.
- ✓ Only allow the PFC seal to be used on products that meet the PFC criteria.



Safety & Quality Assurance

More than one-third of the US population lives in states with medical cannabis laws, & over one million Americans are legally using medical cannabis under the care of a physician.

While many states and localities have created regulations to govern the location, size, & taxation of these businesses, they do not, for the most part, address the quality and safety of the products being sold.

Patients have the right to know how their medicine has been produced, that is free of contaminants & should be confident that the medicine they are receiving has been handled with the highest quality standards. They can now look for the PFC seal to help them determine which products to purchase.

PFC is available to all companies cultivating, manufacturing or distributing medical cannabis products, as well as to laboratories providing analytic services to these companies. PFC includes employee training, compliance inspections, product testing, ongoing monitoring, and an independent complaint process for customers.

Companies certified by PFC are demonstrating a commitment to safety and quality.

