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How Marijuana Businesses Take Non-Cash Payments

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When my stoner niece brought me to her favorite dispensary recently, I was blown away by what I saw. When it was time to make a purchase, we went to a kiosk, paid, took a ticket to the counter, and received the product. The staff never handled any money or payment cards.

By ditching cash, dispensaries save time, reduce fraud risk, and create an all-around more seamless experience for customers and employees. But how do they do it?

Here are 7 non-cash payment methods for marijuana dispensaries (MJDs).

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PCI compliance is a formidable challenge for merchants, so much so that we've put entire programs in place to guide them through the process. Yet recent research by MAC and ControlScan shows that often, our industry's efforts aren't fully paying off. Why?

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This annual survey benchmarks important trends in how processors, acquirers, ISOs and payment facilitators are structuring PCI programs for reduced business risk.

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