

Medical Marijuana Program Implementation Status Update

The Division of Medical Marijuana is excited to share information regarding major strides that happened this week in the Medical Marijuana Program. Strides such as these provide consistent forward progress in the division's effort to have usable marijuana available for registered qualifying patients through registered dispensaries.

Draft Manufacturing Facility Application:

The division has created and posted to the website a **draft manufacturing facility** application. The draft application was provided to allow potential manufacturing facility applicants the opportunity to review the materials prior to the open application period. In doing so, it is the division's intention to shorten the open application period, which would allow for usable marijuana to be available sooner to qualifying patients.

For the full press release regarding the draft application, click [here](#). To view the entire draft application, click [here](#). Information in the draft application is subject to change prior to the open application period. Draft materials should **not** be used for submitting an application to the Department of Health.

Dispensary Regions Established:

The division announced eight regions for medical marijuana dispensaries within the program. The regions include a 50 mile radius surrounding eight cities within the state. To view the map of the established regions, click [here](#).

The goal for establishing these eight regions is, first and foremost, to ensure that qualifying patients have access to usable marijuana at dispensaries with as little travel as possible. The eight region plan also assists potential dispensary applicants in determining what region(s) they would like to submit an application in, once the open application period is available.

For more information regarding the dispensary regions established by the division, please read the full press release [here](#).

Website Update Notification:

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