

### Medical Marijuana Program Implementation Status Update

The Division of Medical Marijuana would like to remind the public that the proposed administrative rules are posted on the Division website and can be viewed by clicking this link: [Proposed Administrative Rules](#).

When drafting the proposed administrative rules, the Division often referenced the **Cole Memo**, which is a memorandum that was released in August of 2013 by the U.S. Department of Justice. The Cole Memo can be found by clicking [here](#). This memorandum provides federal guidance and describes priority areas in which the federal government will focus their marijuana enforcement efforts.

It is important to remember that while North Dakota has a Medical Marijuana Program, marijuana remains a federally illegal drug. Therefore, the Cole Memo has helped guide the Division when drafting rules and regulating the North Dakota Medical Marijuana Program.

**Written comments** pertaining to the proposed rules can be submitted to the Division of Medical Marijuana now through December 26, 2017.

- To submit an electronic written comment, email the Division at [medmarijuana@nd.gov](mailto:medmarijuana@nd.gov). Please include "Written Comment to Proposed Rules" in the subject line.
- To submit a mailed written comment, use the following address:

North Dakota Department of Health  
Division of Medical Marijuana  
600 East Blvd Ave, Dept 301  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0200

**Oral comments** can be provided at any of the six scheduled public hearings, which are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Location/Address</b>
December 11, 2017	9:00 a.m.	Belcourt	Turtle Mountain Community College 10145 BIA Road 7
December 11, 2017	2:00 p.m.	Williston	Williston Area Recreation Center 822 18 <sup>th</sup> Street East
December 13, 2017	9:00 a.m.	Minot	First District Health Unit (Door B) 801 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest
December 13, 2017	2:00 p.m.	Bismarck	Fort Totten Room, State Capitol 600 East Boulevard Ave
December 14, 2017	9:00 a.m.	Fargo	Fargo Cass Public Health 1240 25 <sup>th</sup> Street South
December 14, 2017	2:00 p.m.	Grand Forks	Grand Forks County Building Memorial Conference Rooms, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor 151 South 4 <sup>th</sup> Street

The Division of Medical Marijuana encourages those who are interested in submitting an application to be a registered grow/manufacturing facility or a registered dispensary to **review the requirements** in NDCC Chapter 19-24.1 and the proposed administrative rules prior to the open application period.

The Governor-appointed **Medical Marijuana Advisory Board** will meet on Monday, November 20, 2017. The advisory board will provide feedback on the proposed administrative rules during this scheduled meeting. Please note: while members of the public are free to attend and listen to the advisory board meeting, they will not be allowed to comment or provide feedback during the meeting.