

Medical Marijuana Program Implementation Status Update

Manufacturing Facility Applications Open:

Applications for entities interested in becoming a registered manufacturing facility under the North Dakota Medical Marijuana Program are open. All application information can be viewed on the division's website. The instructions/Appendix A document details specific dates and other relevant information. Potential applicants should thoroughly read through the instructions/Appendix A document prior to completing and submitting an application.

The division posted the document titled *Responses to Manufacturing Facility Application Questions* on the website following the open question period. Potential applicants should thoroughly read this document prior to completing and submitting an application.

Lab Request for Proposal (RFP):

The Department of Health is accepting proposals for a laboratory to conduct compliance testing for the Medical Marijuana Program. Proposals will be accepted through April 19, 2018 at 3 p.m.

One laboratory will be selected to conduct compliance tests of marijuana and usable marijuana as required by North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 33-44-01.

More information regarding the RFP can be found on the Office of Management and Budget's website or by clicking [here](#).

Attorney General Opinion:

On April 3, 2018, North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem issued an opinion as to whether corporations or limited liability companies that apply with the Department of Health to obtain a registration certificate to produce and process medical marijuana must comply with North Dakota's corporate farming law. The full opinion can be viewed on the Division of Medical Marijuana website, as well as the Office of Attorney General website.

Draft Dispensary Application:

A draft dispensary application and instructions are currently being developed by division staff. It is the intention of the division to post the draft application on the website prior to the open application period in order to give potential applicants ample time to review the content of the application. As with the draft manufacturing facility application, the draft dispensary application is subject to change.

Health Care Provider Overview:

A new document for health care providers has been posted on the division's website under the Program Information tab entitled *Common Definitions and FAQs*. This document provides an overview of requirements and other information pertaining to health care providers in NDCC Chapter 19-24.1 and NDAC Chapter 33-44-01.

Question and Answer:

The Division of Medical Marijuana often receives phone calls and emails with various questions that may be of interest to others. In an effort to provide information to a larger group of people, the division will post a frequently asked question with an answer at the end of each status update, when applicable.

Question: Why can't patients register or apply for a medical marijuana card yet?

Answer: Because registry identification cards are only valid for one year after the date of issuance, and products aren't anticipated to be available until later this calendar year, the Department is not accepting applications from patients until closer to when products will be available. The Department will provide application materials for potential qualifying patients (and designated caregivers) prior to dispensaries becoming registered with the Department (date to be determined).

Please continue to check the division website www.ndhealth.gov/MM/ for updated information regarding program implementation.