

Medical Marijuana Program Implementation Status Update

Manufacturing Facilities Registration Process:

Grassroots Cannabis and Pure Dakota, LLC continue to work on the additional requirements they must meet prior to receiving their registration certificate from the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH). Grassroots Cannabis will be located in Fargo while Pure Dakota, LLC will be located in Bismarck. The Division of Medical Marijuana has had ongoing discussions with both entities regarding their progress towards a registration certificate.

Draft Dispensary Application:

One of the next steps in the implementation process is the open application period for dispensaries. A draft dispensary application with instructions has been posted to the division website. The materials are subject to change prior to the open application period. The purpose of making the draft available is to give potential applicants time to review the content of the application.

The division has been communicating with the manufacturing facilities to get a better idea as to when they anticipate having products available to sell and transfer to dispensaries. The open application period for dispensaries will be determined based on the information received from the manufacturing facilities.

New Division Employee:

A new staff member will join the Division of Medical Marijuana on July 1, 2018. The Compassion Center Program Manager/Reviewer will be responsible for planning, directing, and managing all activities associated with manufacturing facilities and dispensaries registered in the North Dakota Medical Marijuana Program.

Laboratory:

The division, in conjunction with the State Procurement Office, is working towards finalizing a contract with Dakota State Testing, the laboratory selected to conduct compliance testing for the

Medical Marijuana Program. It is anticipated that a final contract will be executed within the next day or two.

BioTrackTHC:

Staff from the Division of Medical Marijuana continue to work with BioTrackTHC personnel regarding the seed-to-sale tracking system as well as the registry system for patients, designated caregivers, and compassion center agents. Progress is being made to ensure that both the seed-to-sale and registry systems will meet the needs of the program, including sufficient tracking of inventory and ease of use for potential patients and designated caregivers.

Question: Is CBD oil legal in North Dakota?

Answer: The North Dakota Attorney General's office has a letter from the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration regarding CBD oil and its control status. To view the letter, follow this [link](#) and click on the letter dated May 24, 2017.

CBD oil is an allowed product under the North Dakota Medical Marijuana Program. However, at this time, products are not available for purchase through the program. Once the Department of Health has registered dispensaries, registered patients and designated caregivers will be able to purchase products **only** through those dispensaries that are part of the North Dakota Medical Marijuana Program.

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