

## Medical Marijuana Program Implementation Status Update

### Dispensary Application Period for Grand Forks and Williston Regions Opens:

The Grand Forks and Williston dispensary application period opened on September 12, 2018. Applications will be accepted through October 10, 2018 at 3 p.m. central time. It is anticipated that the top applicant in each region will be selected by the end of November.

In January, the division plans to open applications for the four remaining dispensary regions- Devils Lake, Dickinson, Jamestown, and Minot. A map of the eight dispensary regions can be found on the division website.

### Dispensary Application Review Panel:

The dispensary application review panel has been reviewing applications for the Bismarck/Mandan and Fargo regions and will meet on September 14, 2018 for final scoring. The panel consists of five individuals with varying backgrounds/specialties. These backgrounds include:

- Government
- Law Enforcement
- Pharmacist/Pharmacy Owner
- Physician
- Patient/Family Advocate

To view the details of this meeting, please visit the Secretary of State website or click [here](#). Look for and select *Health, ND Department of* under the public entity category. All meetings scheduled for the Department of Health will be listed. The review panel meeting is titled *Medical Marijuana Dispensary Panel Review*.

### BioTrackTHC:

Division staff working with BioTrackTHC continue to make progress in creating the online portal for patient and designated caregiver applications. Patient and designated caregiver applications are expected to be available near the end of October. In addition to the registration system, the

division is now in testing stages for the inventory and tracking portion of the BioTrackTHC system.

### **Medical Community Outreach:**

Outreach to the medical community continues to be a priority for the Division of Medical Marijuana. Several months ago, the division created an FAQ document and a Health Care Provider Overview document in an effort to provide pertinent information to various medical personnel, particularly to those physicians and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who would potentially be completing a written certification.

In addition, division staff have presented information regarding the Medical Marijuana Program to various medical groups, both in person and via distance education technology. The division will continue to explore options to provide educational opportunities on the Medical Marijuana Program for the medical community. Health care providers who have questions about the program are encouraged to contact the Division of Medical Marijuana by phone at 701.328.1311 or by emailing [medmarijuana@nd.gov](mailto:medmarijuana@nd.gov).

A new PowerPoint created for a presentation to a medical group has been posted to the division website. To view the presentation, click [here](#). The FAQ and Health Care Provider Overview documents can be found [here](#).

**Question:** As a potential patient, what can I do prior to applying for a registry identification card?

**Answer:** The Division anticipates patients will be able to apply for a registry identification card towards the end of October. In the meantime, patients can start the conversation with their health care provider regarding the written certification needed as part of the patient application. Patients should also consider if a designated caregiver is necessary to purchase, assist in the use of, or possess products under the Medical Marijuana Program on behalf of the patient. The public will be notified when applications are available for patients and designated caregivers.