

Medical Marijuana Program Implementation Status Update

Dispensary Application Details:

The Division of Medical Marijuana recently announced in a press release details regarding the roll out of dispensaries as well as open application timeframes. Beginning July 10, 2018, the division will accept applications for entities interested in obtaining a registration certificate to operate a dispensary in the Bismarck and Fargo regions. In September, the division will open applications for the Grand Forks and Williston regions. The remaining four dispensary regions (Devils Lake, Dickinson, Jamestown, and Minot) are anticipated to have an open application period in January 2019. A map of the eight dispensary regions can be found on the division website.

Draft Dispensary Application:

A draft dispensary application with instructions has been available on the division website for the past several weeks. The draft materials are subject to change prior to the open application period. The purpose of making the draft materials available was to give potential applicants time to review the content of the application. Draft materials should not be used to submit an application or to obtain a signature from a local zoning representative. The draft application will remain on the division's website through July 5, 2018. The final application will be posted on July 10 when the application opens.

Online Patient and Caregiver Applications:

Patient and designated caregiver applications are expected to be available near the end of October. The online application is intended to provide a user-friendly process that will allow for easy access for patients and caregivers while increasing efficiencies within the division. Division staff continue to work closely with BioTrackTHC, the IT vendor contracted, to implement the online patient and designated caregiver application portal.

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. Under the state laws for the Medical Marijuana Program, no marijuana can legally be within the facility until a registration certificate is obtained.

The Division of Medical Marijuana would like to wish everybody a happy and safe 4th of July!

Question: Is a health care provider required to sign a written certification for a patient?

Answer: Health care providers are not required or mandated by law to sign a written certification. Individuals wishing to apply for a patient ID card in the North Dakota Medical Marijuana Program may want to discuss with their health care provider information related to the written certification. NDCC Chapter 19-24.1 has specific requirements regarding qualifying medical conditions, bona-fide provider-patient relationship, and other information regarding the written certification. Resources for health care providers who would like information on their role in the patient application process can be found by clicking [here](#). Click on the links to the *Health Care Providers FAQ* and *Health Care Provider Overview*.

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

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