

## Medical Marijuana Program Implementation Status Update

### Dispensaries Selected for Bismarck/Mandan and Fargo Regions:

The Division received final scores from the review panel tasked with evaluating and scoring complete dispensary applications and selected two entities to move forward with the registration process in the Bismarck/Mandan and Fargo regions. HOFB, LLC (Harvest of Bismarck) will be located in Bismarck while Acreage North Dakota, LLC, will be located in Fargo.

According to state law, Harvest of Bismarck and Acreage of North Dakota must meet additional requirements before being issued a registration certificate from the NDDoH. Qualifying patients and designated caregivers may purchase dried leaves and flowers and medical marijuana products from any registered dispensary within the state. Dispensaries may receive inventory from either of the two registered manufacturing facilities under the Medical Marijuana Program.

### Pure Dakota Receives Registration Certificate from NDDoH:

Pure Dakota, the manufacturing facility located in Bismarck, has received their registration certificate from the NDDoH and therefore is authorized to start growing and processing marijuana under the provisions of the Medical Marijuana Program.

Grass Roots, located in Fargo, continues to make progress and move forward in obtaining their registration certificate from the NDDoH.

### 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 an 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](#).

### **BioTrackTHC Training:**

BioTrackTHC trainers were in Bismarck last week to conduct training on the registry system and inventory/tracking system for all division staff as well as representatives from each manufacturing facility. The two-and-a-half-day training provided valuable information to ensure that both division staff and manufacturing facility agents have a good understanding of the system and its functionality.

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. With the awarding of a registration certificate to Pure Dakota, the division has “gone live” with the inventory and tracking portion of the BioTrackTHC system as well certain parts of the registration system.

### **Lab Testing Requirements:**

Lab testing requirements for dried leaves and flowers and medical marijuana products is included in the administrative rules for the program to ensure products available for purchase by registered qualifying patients are as safe as possible. Pesticides are not allowed under the program and thorough testing will be conducted to ensure this. Other testing requirements include water activity, microbiological contaminants and mycotoxins, THC/CBD concentration, and solvents. To see an overview of required testing, click [here](#).

**Question:** Will the Division provide a list of health care providers who will sign a written certification?

**Answer:** No, the Division will not provide a list of health care providers. The Division does not have the authority to recommend health care providers to patients. The discussion regarding a health care provider signing a written certification is between the patient and that health care provider. In addition, a bona fide provider-patient relationship must be present for a health care provider to sign a written certification. This relationship cannot be for the sole purpose of providing a written certification for the medical use of marijuana.

Per state law there are no penalties for a health care provider signing a written certification and, likewise, there are no penalties for a health care provider refusing to sign a written certification.

For more information regarding the health care provider and the written certification, please click this [link](#).

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