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Licensed Dispensary Clinical Director – Clinical Director Responsibilities – COMAR 10.62.31.01

10.62.31 Licensed Dispensary Clinical Director

.01 Clinical Director Responsibilities.

A. A licensed dispensary shall appoint an individual to serve as a clinical director who:

(1) Is eligible to serve as a certifying provider, as defined in Health-General Article, §13-3301, Annotated Code of Maryland;

(2) Is a licensed pharmacist in good standing with the State Board of Pharmacy; or

(3) Has substantial education, training, and experience in the medical use of cannabis, as determined by the Commission.

B. During the hours of operation a licensed dispensary shall have a clinical director:

(1) Onsite; or

(2) Available via electronic communication.

C. A clinical director shall:

(1) Register with the Commission;

(2) Complete at least one training course each year that is approved by the commission, which includes:

(i) The latest scientific research on medical cannabis,

(ii) The risks and benefits of medical cannabis; and

(iii) Other information deemed necessary by the Commission;

(3) Educate qualifying patients and caregivers on treatment of the qualifying patient's medical condition with medical cannabis and:

(i) Potential drug-to-drug interactions, including interactions with alcohol, prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs, and supplements;

(ii) Possible side effects or contraindications of medical cannabis use;

(iii) The potential for differing strengths and effects of medical cannabis strains; and

(iv) Different methods, forms, and routes of medical cannabis administration.

(4) Develop and provide training to dispensary agents on:

(i) Guidelines for providing information to qualifying patients related to risks, benefits, and side effects associated with medical cannabis;

(ii) Recognizing signs and symptoms of substance abuse; and

(iii) Guidelines for refusing to provide medical cannabis to an individual who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

D. A clinical director for a licensed dispensary may not provide a written certification for medical cannabis to any qualifying patient.

E. On or before June 1 each year, each licensee shall submit a report in a manner determined by the Commission on:

(1) The number of patient and caregiver questions received by a clinical director of the licensee;

(2) The content of any patient or caregiver questions directed to a clinical director of the licensee; and

(2) The response to patient and caregiver questions provided by a clinical director of the licensee.