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**Petition to Add a New Medical Condition, Medical Treatment, or Disease**

**Background**:

COMAR 10.62.07 permits any person to petition the Commission to add a medical condition, medical treatment, or disease. The Commission will conduct at least one public hearing each year to evaluate any petition(s) submitted to consider other medical conditions, medical treatments or diseases. The new condition approval process is outlined below.

**How to submit a petition?**

A person who wishes to suggest a medical condition, medical treatment, or disease must:

1. Submit a typed, well organized written petition to the MMCC Executive Director;
2. Identify the medical condition, medical treatment, or disease for the Commission to consider; and
3. Include the (a) severity of the condition or treatments, (b) degree to which other medical treatments have been ineffective to alleviate pain, suffering, disability or the symptoms of the condition or the treatment, (c) evidence that supports the finding that the use of medical cannabis alleviates pain, suffering, disability, or the symptoms of the condition or treatment, (d) studies or data regarding beneficial or adverse effects from the use of medical cannabis in patients with the condition, treatment or disease, and (e) letters of support from licensed health care providers knowledgeable about the condition, treatment or disease.

The Commission will consider any petition that meets the aforementioned criteria. A completed petition may be submitted to:

Joy A. Strand, MHA

Executive Director

Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission

849 International Drive, 4th Floor

Linthicum, MD 21090

**Petition Review Process**

At least once per year, if needed, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing to evaluate any petition to consider other medical conditions, medical treatments, or diseases. The public hearing will include the opportunity for written and oral public comment.

The Commission may issue a summary denial, without submitting a petition for public comment, if the petition: (1) is facially insubstantial, or (2) pertains to a condition, treatment, or disease that has been previously considered and rejected by the Commission.

**Questions** related to the petition process may be directed to Will Tilburg, Director, Policy and Government Relations at William.tilburg@maryland.gov.

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