



## **Licensed Dispensary Clinical Director**

### **Summary**

This proposal strengthens the requirements for individuals who apply to register as a clinical director based on “substantial education, training, and experience in the medical use of cannabis” under COMAR 10.62.31.01C(3). To ensure that all clinical directors have the background necessary to provide the required patient, caregiver, and dispensary agent education, this proposal requires an applicant demonstrate:

- Knowledge of the medical use of cannabis;
- Experience performing clinical assessments and therapeutic interventions;
- Experience providing patient education; and
- Formal training and education in a clinical field, including in the areas of pharmacology and therapeutics.

### **10.62.31 Licensed Dispensary Clinical Director**

#### **.01 Clinical Director Responsibilities.**

A. A licensed dispensary shall appoint an individual to function as 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 [.] *including:*
  - (a) *Demonstrated knowledge of the medical use of cannabis;*
  - (b) *Experience performing clinical assessments and therapeutic interventions;*
  - (c) *Experience providing patient education; and*
  - (d) *Formal training and education in a clinical health field, including in the areas of pharmacology and therapeutics.*

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

- (1) On-site; or
- (2) Available *in real time* via electronic communication.

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