



NOTICE

TO: Qualifying patients and licensed medical cannabis growers, processors, and dispensaries
RE: Program changes adopted at the Commission meeting on September 22, 2022
Date: September 29, 2022

The Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (the “Commission”) is providing this notice to update all patients and licensed medical cannabis businesses on changes to the medical cannabis program adopted by the Commission at its meeting on September 22, 2022. The notice also includes anticipated dates of implementation for each proposal adopted by the Commission.

I. Agent Registration

Approved change:

1. Reduce grower, processor, and dispensary agent fee from \$200 to \$100;
2. Allow a registered agent to work at any licensed premises owned or controlled by the same entity;
3. Allow an agent who separates from a business to have their registration reactivated without performing additional fingerprinting and criminal history checks, or paying an additional fee, if they are hired by another business during their 2-year registration period; and
4. Eliminate the drug screening requirement for prospective agents.

Anticipated Implementation Timeline:

- Items 1-3 require technical changes to the Maryland OneStop portal and are scheduled for implementation via OneStop on or before January 1, 2023.
- Item 4 is scheduled to take effect on Monday, October 17, 2022. Additional guidance will be provided to licensees in advance of the implementation date.

II. Patient Attestation

Approved Change:

1. Eliminate requirement for patients to complete and sign a patient attestation at a licensed dispensary; and

2. Amend the patient and caregiver applications to include the attestation statement and require a patient or caregiver to read and acknowledge the attestation statement before submitting the application.

Anticipated Implementation Timeline:

- Items 1-2 are scheduled for implementation via OneStop by January 1, 2023.

III. Patient Signature

Approved Change

1. Eliminate patient signature and paper receipt requirements.

Anticipated Implementation Timeline:

- The patient signature requirement has been suspended since March 11, 2020. The elimination of this requirement and records retention requirement will take permanent effect on September 29, 2022.

IV. Clinical Directors

Approved Change

1. Authorize an entity to qualify as a clinical director if all employees engaging with patients and caregivers are registered as clinical directors with the Commission.

Anticipated Implementation Timeline:

- Allowing entities to serve as a clinical director is scheduled for implementation via new registration form by January 1, 2023.

V. Exempted Edible Cannabis Products - Delegation of Authority

Approved Change

1. Delegate approval of certain exempted products to staff. (Full resolution may be viewed [here.](#))

Anticipated Implementation Timeline:

- The delegation of authority took immediate effect following approval of the Resolution on Thursday, September 22.