

Title 10
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Subtitle 62 NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS
COMMISSION

10.62.31 Licensed Dispensary Clinical Director

.01 Clinical Director Responsibilities.

A. A licensed dispensary [may] *shall* appoint an individual 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 as a clinical director 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 considered necessary by the Commission;*

(3) *Educate qualifying patients and caregivers on:*

- (i) *Treatment of the qualifying patient’s medical condition with medical cannabis;*
- (ii) *Potential drug-to-drug interactions, including interactions with alcohol, prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs, and supplements;*
- (iii) *Possible side effects or contraindications of medical cannabis use;*
- (iv) *The potential for differing strengths and effects of medical cannabis strains; and*
- (v) *Different methods, forms, and routes of medical cannabis administration.*

(4) 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. Reporting.

(1) A licensee shall submit to the Commission on the last day of the month following each quarter a report in a manner determined by the Commission on:

(i) The most frequently asked questions by qualifying patients and caregivers to the clinical director; and

(ii) The responses provided to the most frequently asked questions by qualifying patients and caregivers to the clinical director; and

(2) The reporting requirement under this regulation shall remain in effect until July 1, 2022, when it shall terminate and be of no further force and effect.