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Requirement for Pre-Approved Applicants to Become Licensed and Operational

Linthicum, MD (December 9, 2019) — The Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (the “Commission”) is providing this bulletin to inform all medical cannabis businesses of the legal requirements for licensing, and the timeline for businesses to be (1) awarded a license and (2) actively engaged in the cultivation, processing, or dispensing of medical cannabis (e.g., operational). This bulletin serves as an update to [MMCC Bulletin 2019-014](#), which required any holder of a Stage One Pre-Approval issued prior to 2018 to be licensed and operational by September 30, 2019.

The Commission is extending the deadline for a holder of a Stage One Pre-Approval of a medical cannabis dispensary license issued prior to 2018 to become licensed and operational to March 1, 2020 for any entity that previously received an extension through December 31, 2019. The Commission may rescind the Stage One Pre-Approval of any medical cannabis business issued prior to 2018, that is not licensed and operational by March 1, 2020. In addition, the Commission may revoke the license of any licensee issued prior to 2018 that is not actively engaged in cultivating, processing, or dispensing medical cannabis according to the respective license by March 1, 2020. (*See* Health-General Article, §13-3311.1; COMAR 10.62.08.06; COMAR 10.62.19.05; COMAR 10.62.25.06).

The Commission plans to hold a full Commission meeting some time between February 18 and 21. Any Stage One Pre-Approval seeking to be licensed at the February Commission meeting must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements for licensing, including passing all inspections, by February 3, 2020. Likewise, any entity seeking an extension beyond March 1, 2020, must submit an extension request to the Commission by February 3, 2020. A request for an extension beyond March 1, 2020 will only be considered due to a significant unforeseen hardship outside of the business’s control. Extension requests are to be submitted by email to: enforcement.mmcc@maryland.gov.

This bulletin does not change, remove, or replace any existing regulations under COMAR 10.62.