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Written Certification Renewal

Linthicum, MD —The Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (the “Commission”) is providing this bulletin to update certifying health care providers and patients on permissible certification renewal practices. To limit the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Maryland, the Commission is hereby authorizing the use of telehealth for written certification renewal.

Effective immediately, a registered certifying provider may issue a written certification renewal using telehealth until further notice. This bulletin **only** applies to written certification renewals. Pursuant to COMAR 10.62.05.01, an initial certification may only be issued upon completion of an in-person assessment.

For the purposes of this bulletin, telehealth has the meaning stated in the Insurance Article, §15-139(a):

(a)(1) In this section, “telehealth” means, as it relates to the delivery of health care services, the use of interactive audio, video, or other telecommunications or electronic technology by a licensed health care provider to deliver a health care service within the scope of practice of the health care provider at a location other than the location of the patient.

(2) “Telehealth” does not include:

- (i) an audio-only telephone conversation between a health care provider and a patient;*
- (ii) an electronic mail message between a health care provider and a patient; or*
- (iii) a facsimile transmission between a health care provider and a patient.*

The Commission strongly encourages certifying providers to schedule an in-person assessment with each patient who receives a telehealth written certification renewal after the state of emergency is terminated.

Please direct any questions to infoandregistration@maryland.gov.