Effectiveness of State Issued Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards

Linthicum, MD (July 2, 2020) – The Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (the "Commission" or "MMCC") is issuing this Bulletin to remind licensees of the continued impact of the Executive Order issued by the Governor on March 12, 2020, and amended and restated on June 19, 2020, extending certain licenses, permits, and registrations.

Executive Order No. 20-06-19-01, any state issued driver's license or identification card that otherwise would have expired after the state of emergency was declared on March 5, 2020, will not expire until the 30th day after the state of emergency has been lifted. Under this Executive Order, the expiration date of any state issued driver's license that, on its face, would have expired on or after March 5, 2020 is legally extended and the license is valid.

Patients and/or caregivers who do not have an MMCC issued patient identification card are required to present their MMCC patient registration number, as well as a government-issued photo identification in order to purchase. The Executive Order requires dispensaries to accept as valid any state issued driver's license or identification card presented by a qualifying patient that is either:

1. Unexpired as of the date presented; or
2. Expired on or after March 5, 2020.

Please also note that the Commission previously issued Bulletin 2020-005, Bulletin 2020-006, Bulletin 2020- 007, Bulletin 2020-008, and Bulletin 2020-012 to advise licensees, agents, patients, caregivers, and providers on regulatory requirements and operational best practices at licensed facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. These Bulletins will remain in effect until the state of emergency is lifted, or a superseding order is issued by the Governor.

Questions about this Bulletin should be directed to the Bureau of Enforcement and Compliance at enforcement.mmcc@maryland.gov.