



Dispensary Licensee Newsletter - January 2019

Editor's Note: This month we bring you a reminder about your Provisional License expiration date, and updates to various guidance documents.

- Board of Pharmacy's MMCP Staff

IMPORTANT UPDATES

First Medical Marijuana Sales Completed in Ohio

As you are likely aware, medical marijuana is now available for purchase in Ohio, with four dispensaries opening on Wednesday, Jan. 16. This is an important milestone for the MMCP, the Board of Pharmacy, and Ohio's patient community. At the conclusion of opening day, the four dispensaries had \$75,000 in total sales and sold nearly 8.7 pounds of medical marijuana.

As we look to the future, the Board is committed to supporting the framework we have built that supports the success of the individual businesses that make up the industry while ensuring the safety of patients and the public.

Reminder: Provisional License Expiration Date

Please be cognizant as the expiration date of your Provisional Dispensary License approaches. Licensees cannot access METRC accounts without an active license. To prevent a discontinuation of access, submit a second time variance request in sufficient time for it to be reviewed for approval.

Testing Laboratory Announcement

On Dec. 20, 2018, the Ohio Department of Commerce awarded the first Testing Lab Certificate of Operation to North Coast Testing Laboratories, LLC in Streetsboro.

LICENSING

Employee Licensing Reminder

The licensing department continues to process support and key employee applications. If there are ANY changes in employee type – e.g., a support employee realizes they need to actually be licensed as a key employee – that employee MUST submit a new application for the correct type. Refunds will not be issued for the submission of incorrect applications.

Lead time for processing employee applications are currently at 3-5 business days. Please have employees monitor their email, because if application documents or background check results have not been received they will receive an email indicating what is missing from their application.

Please encourage employee to continue to monitor the status of their application at www.elicense.ohio.gov by either using the license look up feature or by logging into their eLicense account, where the status of their application will appear on their dashboard.

TECHNOLOGY & SYSTEMS

Update on the Patient & Caregiver Registry

On December 3, the Board of Pharmacy activated the Patient & Caregiver Registry. In the month of activation, 4,964 recommendations were issued to patients, with 3,575 of those patients activating their registration within the Registry.

COMPLIANCE

Inspection Guide Coming Soon

The Board is near completion of the "What to Expect During an Inspection" guide, which will assist PDLs with the planning of pre and final inspections. The guide will be made available for download via the MMCP website. Please do not hesitate to contact your agent if you have additional questions after reviewing the guide.

DISPENSARY OPERATIONS

New Licensee Resources Published

There are some new and updated materials on the Licensee Resources page, which include the following:

[Plant Material Days Supply Reference](#)

This will be a tool for submitting Items for Product ID assignment and to a resource for dispensary employees to quickly identify the amount of product matches the number days' supply.

[MMCP Advertising & Marketing FAQ](#)

There are a number of new questions in this FAQ. Please pay particular attention to questions 12-14 & 19.

[Product ID Submissions FAQ](#)

There are also a number of updated questions in this FAQ regarding Product ID submissions.

[Product ID Submissions Guidance Document](#)

The guidance document for submitting Product ID has also been updated.