

Mississippi Medical Marijuana Program General Information

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OVERVIEW OF REGULATIONS

- ▶ Subpart 1: Product Safety/Laboratory Requirements
- ▶ Subpart 2: General Requirements
- ▶ Subpart 3: Advertising and Marketing
- ▶ Subpart 4: Labelling and Tracking
- ▶ Subpart 5: Patient Certification
- ▶ Subpart 6: Reciprocity
- ▶ Subpart 7: Qualifications for caregivers, owners, operators, employees, and agents of medical marijuana treatment centers/dispensaries
- ▶ Subpart 8: Qualifications for safe and secure processing of medical marijuana
- ▶ Subpart 9: Use in long term care settings
- ▶ Subpart 10: Compliance and Monitoring

OBJECTIVES OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- ▶ Enable distribution of medical cannabis consistent with State Constitution
- ▶ Protect vulnerable populations (youth, pregnant women)
- ▶ Community Impact Mitigation
- ▶ Compliance (prevent fraud/unintended effects)
- ▶ Communication with public program development process
- ▶ Prevent drug diversion
- ▶ Prevent criminal involvement
- ▶ Minimize equity issues
- ▶ Prevent substance abuse/adverse consequences
- ▶ Fiscal sustainability
- ▶ Ensure Product Safety

TIMELINE

- ▶ November 2020-May 2021
 - ▶ Research and Planning
- ▶ December 2020-March 2021
 - ▶ Seed-to-Sale and Licensing Software
- ▶ February 2021-September 2021
 - ▶ Advisory Committee
- ▶ February 2021-March 2021
 - ▶ Lab/Testing Regulations
- ▶ February 2021-May 2021
 - ▶ Tracking and Labelling Regulations
 - ▶ Treatment Center Processing Regulations
- ▶ Medical Cannabis Patient Registration Regulations
- ▶ Utilization in Nursing Home, Hospice, Assisted Living Regulations
- ▶ Interstate Agreement Regulations
- ▶ Qualifications for Caregivers, Owners, Operator Regulations
- ▶ Patient database Regulations
- ▶ Advertising and Marketing Regulations
- ▶ July 2021
 - ▶ Regulations approved by July 1st
- ▶ August 2021
 - ▶ Cards and Licenses issued by August 15th

Licensing

- ▶ A licensing system has not yet been established, and the MDSH cannot currently accept requests for licenses.
- ▶ Look for licensing requirements and other details as they are developed.
- ▶ However, if a company plans to apply for licensure through the Mississippi State Department of Health for any aspect of the Medical Marijuana Program, potential applicants can take steps now.

Licensing

- ▶ Business registration with the Mississippi Secretary of State is anticipated to be a licensure requirement for participation in the Medical Marijuana Program.
- ▶ When forming a Mississippi company, or registering your foreign company to do business in Mississippi, potential applicants should register with the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office.
- ▶ As a part of this registration, entities are required to select an NAICS Code as part of the formation or registration. If the company is interested in being licensed as a part of the Medical Marijuana Program, the applicable NAICS Codes are 111419, 424590, 453998, and 111998. Applicants should choose from one of those available codes in order to complete formation/registration of their business in Mississippi.