

## Medical Marijuana Program Implementation Status Update

### Program Implementation Snapshot:

The Division of Medical Marijuana has recently created a “snapshot” graphic to show the major steps in the program implementation process and where the Division is currently in the process. The snapshot gives an overall view of projects and milestones necessary to reach the final goal of products being available for purchase by patients and caregivers at dispensaries.

The snapshot will be updated as the Division reaches and passes each step. The snapshot can be viewed [here](#).

### Laboratory Request for Proposal (RFP):

The North Dakota Department of Health is accepting RFPs for a laboratory to conduct compliance testing for the Medical Marijuana Program. RFPs will be accepted through April 19, 2018 at 3 p.m.

One laboratory will be selected to conduct compliance tests of marijuana and usable marijuana as required by proposed North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 33-44-01.

More information regarding the RFP can be found on the Office of Management and Budget’s website or by clicking [here](#).

### Partnership and Sole Propriety-Compassion Center Application:

A business interested in applying to become a compassion center must submit specific documents to comply with the complete application requirements outlined in NDCC Section 19-24.1-14. These application requirements include that the business’s articles of incorporation (and by-laws) or articles of organization (and operating agreement) be provided. Only a business structured as a corporation or as a limited liability company possess such documents. A sole proprietor or a partnership is unable to provide the required articles and, therefore, would be unable to comply with the statutory application requirement. A sole proprietor or a partnership could consider restructuring their business to satisfy the application requirements.

**Administrative Rules:**

The proposed administrative rules will be heard at the March 12, 2018 Legislative Administrative Rules Committee meeting in the Roughrider Room at the State Capitol. For more information, including the agenda, click [here](#). The North Dakota Department of Health is currently on the agenda for 9:45 a.m. If the rules are not held over by the committee, the earliest they would become effective is April 1, 2018.

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