

Medical Marijuana Program Implementation Status Update

Manufacturing Facilities Selected:

The Division of Medical Marijuana is excited to announce the completion of the review panel's evaluation of manufacturing facility applications. The top two scoring applications are now eligible to move forward in the registration process. The two entities selected are Pure Dakota LLC, located in Bismarck and Grassroots Cannabis (legal name GR Vending ND LLC), located in Fargo.

The review panel met on Tuesday, May 15 to collaboratively evaluate and score all complete applications. Panel members were given until 1:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time on Thursday, May 17 to review and submit their final scores to the Division of Medical Marijuana. However, all panel members had their final scores submitted before the deadline and therefore the division could announce the selections earlier than anticipated.

The review panel, which consisted of seven individuals with varying backgrounds, dedicated a significant amount of time to thoroughly review, evaluate, and score each complete application. The backgrounds of the review panel included:

- Government
- Law Enforcement
- Industry
- Legal
- Pharmacy
- Private Business
- Chemistry, Laboratory and Quality Assurance and Quality Control Procedures

The two manufacturing facilities selected will have additional requirements they must meet prior to a registration certificate being issued from the North Dakota Department of Health.

Draft Dispensary Application:

One of the next steps in the implementation process is to have an open application period for dispensaries. A draft dispensary application with instructions has been posted to the division

website. The materials are subject to change prior to the open application period. The purpose of making the draft available is to give potential applicants time to review the content of the application.

Once the division has a better indication of when manufacturing facilities will have product available to transfer to dispensaries, the open application period for dispensaries will be determined.

BioTrackTHC:

Staff from the Division of Medical Marijuana continue to work with BioTrackTHC personnel regarding the seed-to-sale tracking system as well as the registry system for patients, designated caregivers, and compassion center agents. Progress is being made to ensure that both the seed-to-sale and registry systems will meet the needs of the program, including sufficient tracking of inventory and ease of use for potential patients and designated caregivers.

Question: What happens if one of the entities selected for a manufacturing facility is not able to obtain a registration certificate through the NDDoH?

Answer: NDAC Section 33-44-01-06 states that *If a compassion center applicant eligible for registration does not meet the criteria in subsection 1 of North Dakota Century Code section 19-24.1-15, the department may select the next highest scoring compassion center applicant in the category for registration, or establish a new open application period.*

Please continue to check the division website www.ndhealth.gov/MM/ for updated information regarding program implementation.