

Medical Marijuana Program Implementation Status Update

Dispensary Application Period for Grand Forks and Williston Regions Closes:

The Grand Forks and Williston dispensary application period closed October 10, 2018. In total, the division received 19 applications. The dispensary application review panel will score all complete applications. It is anticipated that the selection of the entities eligible to register will occur in mid-November.

Dispensary Application Review Panel:

The review panel that will score complete applications has been established by the Department of Health. The review panel consists of five individuals with varying backgrounds/specialties. These backgrounds include:

- Government
- Law Enforcement
- Pharmacist/Pharmacy Owner
- Physician
- Patient/Family Advocate

All individuals on the review panel are required by administrative rules to sign a conflict of interest form. An individual with a conflict of interest may not participate as a panel member.

The first meeting for the review panel will take place on Friday, October 12, 2018. To view details of this meeting, please click [here](#) or visit the public meeting notices section of the Secretary of State website and select *Health, ND Department of* under the public entity category. All meetings scheduled for the Department of Health will be listed. The review panel meeting is titled *Dispensary Review Panel Meeting*.

BioTrackTHC:

Division staff continue to work with BioTrackTHC to have qualifying patient and designated caregiver applications available near the end of this month. The inventory system is currently

being used by one of the manufacturing facilities. This allows division staff to adequately monitor and track inventory.

Laboratory Meetings:

Lab testing requirements for dried leaves and flowers and medical marijuana products is included in the administrative rules for the program to ensure products available for purchase by registered qualifying patients are as safe as possible. In April 2018, NDDoH contracted with Keystone State Testing to conduct required testing. Representatives from the Keystone State Testing will be visiting North Dakota next week and meeting with division staff as well as representatives of both manufacturing facilities.

Question: When will applications be accepted from qualifying patients and designated caregivers?

Answer: The Division anticipates that by the end of this month, qualifying patients and designated caregivers will have access to online applications. The Division will provide additional information regarding the application process within the next week or two.