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September 6, 2023

Dear MMCP Stakeholders,

I write today with an important update regarding the administrative regulations that govern the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program (MMCP).

Today, per the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (MAPA), the Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) is starting the process of formally engaging in major substantive rulemaking to update the existing *Medical Use of Cannabis Program Rule* to strike provisions no longer supported by the enabling statute, 22 MRS, ch. 558-C, the *Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act* and to address recent legislative changes. It includes amendments to Section 10 of that rule to implement the requirements legislation enacted in the First Regular and Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature, specifically PL 2023, ch. 6 (*Emergency*, signed March 15, 2023) and PL 2023, ch. 365.

We invite you to review Chapter 2 of the *Medical Use of Cannabis Program Rule* and provide your written feedback. A copy of the proposed rule and public comment form can be found on [the OCP website](#).

OCP will accept comments starting today, September 6 through **October 10, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.** We ask that you be specific in your comments.

Public participation is a critical component of the MAPA process. As such, OCP is also holding an in-person public hearing on September 26th to take public comments and questions. In addition, OCP will be accepting written public comments until October 10, 2023.

Public Hearing
Tuesday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m.
19 Union Street, Room 325
Augusta, Maine

Either or both avenues may be utilized by interested members of the public to provide feedback to OCP on the format, content, and/or application of the proposed rules.

Once the public comment process is complete, OCP will consider the feedback received and make appropriate revisions to the rule. Following these revisions, OCP will submit the provisionally adopted major substantive rule for legislative approval before **final** adoption. The rulemaking timeline is included below for reference. There is also more detailed information

about implementation available in OCP's [executive summary](#).

Major Substantive Rulemaking Timeline (Chapter 2)

Proposed rules posted online	Public hearing in Augusta	Public comment period ends	Rules <i>provisionally</i> adopted by OCP	Rules <i>finally</i> adopted by OCP
Sept. 6, 2023	Sept. 26, 2023	Oct. 10, 2023	Fall/Winter 2023	Likely Fall 2024

Thank you for your attention and consideration of these important matters. We look forward to engaging with you over the coming weeks and months.

Sincerely,



John Hudak
Director