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Julie Parenteau (CGR25712)

DBA: Buzzies  
432 River Rd  
Anson, ME 04958



Re: Notice of Administrative Action including Monetary Penalty  
OCP Incident # 2025-MCP-1809

Dear Ms. Parenteau,

This Notice of Administrative Action is issued pursuant to the *Maine Administrative Procedures Act* (Maine APA), Title 5, Ch. 375, subch. 4, to **Julie Parenteau**, Medical Use Cannabis Program (MUCP) **CGR25712** for violations of the *Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act* (MMUCA), Title 22 M.R.S., Chapter 558-C, and the *Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program Rule* (the Rule), 18-691, Ch. 2, as described below. In response to these violations, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, acting through its Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP), (collectively, “The Department”) is taking the administrative actions detailed in this notice.

The licensee named herein is subject to the administrative actions pursuant to MMUCA as described in Part II and III below that may be timely appealed in accordance with the Maine APA in accordance with Part IV of this Notice. Failure to timely appeal will result in the imposition of the administrative actions described herein.

I. Summary of the investigation of Julie Parenteau DBA Buzzies:

1. Julie Parenteau (CGR25712) is a licensed caregiver with retail authority to operate Buzzies, a caregiver retail store located at 432 River Road in Anson.
2. On November 19, 2025, a contracted compliance inspector for the Office of Cannabis Policy, Ella Bowman, was conducting random spot checks of local medical cannabis businesses to ensure sales were only being made to medical patients. Bowman is not a medical patient and does not have a medical certificate to purchase medical cannabis in the State of Maine.
3. At around 1:05 PM, Inspector Bowman reported that she entered Buzzies and purchased a single cannabis pre-roll for \$8. The sale was made to Bowman after she verbally told you that she was not a medical patient and did not have a medical certificate to purchase medical cannabis.

4. Upon reviewing Inspector Bowman's report, it was learned that on November 19, 2025, around 1:05 pm, Bowman entered Buzzies, at which time she was greeted by the sole female employee of the store. That female employee was later identified by Bowman as you, Julie Parenteau.
5. Inspector Bowman reported that she asked you if she (CI Bowman) needed to have a medical card to purchase cannabis at this store. You responded that she did need a medical card. CI Bowman then asked if there were any recreational stores around. You responded by asking CI Bowman what she was looking for and she told you that she was just looking for a sativa pre-roll. You then picked out a pre-roll for her to buy. CI Bowman reported she paid \$8 for the pre-roll and then left the store.
6. After the sale, CI Bowman reported she returned to her vehicle and completed a Notice of Violation to serve to you. When Bowman re-entered, the business, CI Bowman identified herself as an inspector with the Office of Cannabis Policy and you were issued a Notice of Violation for the sale of cannabis to a non-patient, and you were advised a compliance inspector from OCP would be contacting you.
7. On December 5, 2025, CI Chris Carr and Matt Clark met with you at Buzzies retail store in Anson. During this meeting, you readily admitted to selling the pre-roll without checking for a medical patient card or identification. You also stated that you did not document the sale in the point-of-sale system, therefore you did not document the transfer of medical cannabis. CI Carr issued you another Notice of Violation for not documenting the sale.

## II. Summary findings of fact and violations:

The Department finds, based upon its investigation, interviews, and inspection the following:

1. Buzzies, a caregiver retail store, more specifically you (Julie Parenteau), transferred cannabis product to a person who is not a qualified patient. This is a violation of:

Title 22 M.R.S. § 2423-A (2) (A-1) Authorized conduct for the medical use of cannabis. Sales to a person who is not a qualified patient.

And

Title 22 M.R.S. § 2430-I (4)(A) Administrative penalty for sale or transfer to nonpatient states:

*First time a registrant or agent sells, furnishes or gives cannabis for medical use to a person who is not authorized to possess cannabis for medical use under this chapter, the registrant or registrant agent that sold, furnished or gave cannabis for medical use to a person not authorized to possess cannabis for medical use may be subject to an administrative penalty for a minor registration violation.*

2. Julie Parenteau has failed to document and retain business records of harvested cannabis transfers. This is a violation of:

Title 22 M.R.S., § 2430-J (1) (A)

1. *Required records. A registered caregiver, a registered dispensary, a cannabis testing facility and a manufacturing facility shall:*

*A. Keep a record of all transfers of cannabis plants and harvested cannabis;*

III. Summary of administrative actions taken by the Department:

Considering the violations summarized above and in order to ensure compliance with Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program, 22 M.R.S., Chapter 558-C the Department is taking the following administrative actions:

1. In response to Buzzies, Caregiver Julie Parenteau, transferring harvested cannabis to a person who is not a qualified cannabis patient in violation of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act:
  - a. OCP imposes the following fine against Julie Parenteau (CGR25712): **\$1000** for a minor violation in accordance with section 2430-I (3) (B)(1) of the Maine Use of Cannabis Act, to be remitted to the Department no later than 120 days from the date of this notice.

Title 22 M.R.S § 2430-I (3) (B)(1):

*B. For a covered entity, except a registered caregiver who does not operate a retail store:*

*(1) Not more than \$1,000 for each minor registration violation*

2. In response to Caregiver Julie Parenteau failing to document and retain business records of harvested cannabis transfers.
  - a. OCP issues Technical Assistance

IV. Summary of administrative appeal rights:

The Department issues this Notice of Administrative Action in accordance with its authority pursuant to 28-B MRS § 801 and the Maine APA, 5 MRS, Ch. 375. If you disagree with the Department's findings of fact or administrative actions, you may timely request a formal hearing within 30 days from the date of this Notice. Failure to timely request a formal hearing of the Department will result in this Notice of Administrative Action including Monetary Penalty becoming the FINAL ORDER of the Department. You will not be able to petition for a review in Superior Court and it could impact your continued participation in the programs administered by the Office of Cannabis Policy.

A request for a formal hearing may be sent via e-mail to Deputy Director Vernon Malloch: [Vernon.Malloch@maine.gov](mailto:Vernon.Malloch@maine.gov) or via USPS mail to: Office of Cannabis Policy, 162 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333.

Sincerely,



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Office of Cannabis Policy

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