

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Effective June 16, 2025, the State of Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services (“DAFS”) and Cory Hutchinson of Kennebunk, Maine (collectively “the Parties”) enter into this Settlement Agreement.

The Petitioner Appellant in this matter is a registered caregiver pursuant to the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act, and on March 6, 2025, Dean Goodale, Director of Compliance for the Office of Cannabis Policy at DAFS sent Mr. Hutchinson a Notice of Administrative Action including Monetary Penalty and Order of Destruction. These actions against a caregiver can be subject to an administrative hearing pursuant to 22 M.R.S. §2425-A(4) and then potentially to judicial review pursuant to 5 M.R.S. Chapter 375 and M.R.Civ.P. 80C, and Mr. Hutchinson exercised his right to request an administrative hearing in this matter.

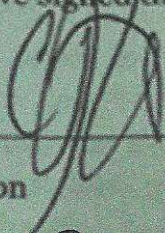
Now therefore, as the Parties wish to settle this matter in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein rather than continue the appeals process, the Parties agree as follows:

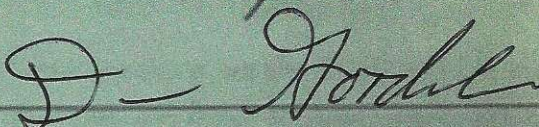
1. Mr. Hutchinson agrees to cultivate cannabis plants within his authorized canopy or number, as applicable, in addition to complying with all other requirements of program participation when he participates in the Maine Medical Cannabis Program.
2. The total monetary penalty to be paid by Mr. Hutchinson is \$600.00. The penalty shall be paid to DAFS by October 14, 2025.
3. DAFS reserves the right to take any appropriate action if Mr. Hutchinson is engaging in conduct not authorized by, or in violation of, the law or this Settlement Agreement.
4. This Settlement Agreement sets forth the entire agreement of the Parties in relation to the conduct described in the letter of March 6, 2025, and any amendment hereof shall be in writing. Representations that are not contained in the Agreement or subsequent written amendment shall have no effect. The parties agree that once this agreement is signed the administrative hearing is no longer necessary.
5. The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement and its reduction to final written form is the result of good faith negotiations between the Parties and their respective counsel (if applicable) have carefully reviewed and examined this Agreement before execution by said Parties; any statute or rule of construction that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement.
6. This Settlement Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maine.

The signatory for DAFS represents that he is duly authorized and empowered to execute this Settlement Agreement on behalf of DAFS, and that his signature is enough to legally bind DAFS to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

Mr. Hutchinson represents that he is duly authorized and empowered to execute this Settlement Agreement on his behalf, and his signature is enough to legally bind himself, to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representative of DAFS, and Mr. Hutchinson have signed this Agreement below:


_____ Date: July 14, 2025
Cory Hutchinson


_____ Date: 7-14-2025
Dean Goodale, Director of Compliance, OCP, DAFS