

STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF CANNABIS POLICY 162 STATE HOUSE STATION 19 UNION STREET FIRST FLOOR AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0162 ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL SERVICES

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June 27, 2022

JANET T. MILLS

GOVERNOR

Via USPS First Class Mail and Electronic Mail

Mr. Arnold Hughes

Subject: Notice of Revocation of Registry Identification Card(s)

Dear Mr. Hughes,

The Maine Department of Administrative & Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy (Department) is responsible for the administration and oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program (MMMP). Protection for authorized conduct requires compliance with the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and program rules. Pursuant to its authority under 22 M.R.S., Chapter 558-C, §2430-F, the Department revokes the following Caregiver Assistant Registry Identification Card(s): CGE13706, due to your violation and conduct. Such revocations are effective three (3) calendar days after the date of this notice.

I. Justification for revocation:

The Department's decision to revoke your Registry Identification Card(s) is based on your violations of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act. More specifically, the Department's MMMP field investigation staff have provided the Department with sufficient evidence to demonstrate the following statutory and regulatory violations:

- Field Investigator Christopher Carr investigated three incidents where an undercover buyer at Valley Cannabis was not asked for a patient card and was able to purchase medical cannabis products despite not being a qualifying patient. Investigation revealed that no patient records were kept for the sale of cannabis pre-rolls for these incidents on February 21, March 26, and May 10, 2022.
- You were identified by Caregiver Shane Gallant to Field Investigator Carr as working at Valley Cannabis retail store on May 10, 2022, where you are an assistant to him. You were video and audio recorded on May 10, 2022 selling cannabis products to a non-patient. This sale was not recorded on a patient log.

For these reasons, your eligibility to participate in the MMMP has been revoked.

- Furnishing harvested marijuana to a person who was neither a qualifying patient nor otherwise authorized to possess medical marijuana, a violation of 22 MRS § 2423-A(2) and a mandatory revocation of registry identification card under 22 MRS § 2430-F(2)
- Failure to maintain adequate business records, a violation of 22 MRSA §2430-G, including a record of all transfers of marijuana plants and harvested marijuana, and patient transaction logs.

Please immediately return your Registry Identification Card to:

Department of Administrative & Financial Services Office of Cannabis Policy Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program 162 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0162

II. Registration Revocation and Right to Request an Informal Hearing:

Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. §2430-F, the Department may suspend or revoke a registry identification card for violation of Chapter 558-C and the rules adopted by the Department. A person who has had authorization for conduct under Chapter 558-C revoked due to failure to comply with Chapter 558-C and rules adopted by the Department may request an informal hearing. If you would like to request an informal hearing, please notify the Department in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of the revocation effective date at the address information provided above. A request for an informal hearing should be sent to Vernon Malloch, Deputy Director of Operations by email at Vernon.Malloch@maine.gov or USPS at 162 State House Station, 19 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04333-0062. If the Department does not receive a hearing request in accordance with the policy, the revocation becomes final.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Field

Michael W. Field Director of Compliance Office of Cannabis Policy

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