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Dear Stakeholder:

I write today to share with you three important updates regarding the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program (MMMP).

Since the establishment of the Office of Marijuana Policy (OMP) by the Mills Administration in February 2019, trip ticket forms have been one of the most frequent requests made by program registrants. I am pleased to announce they are now available on the OMP website at: <https://www.maine.gov/dafs/omp/medical-use/applications-forms>.

To provide caregivers and dispensaries ample time to adjust their business operations, the use of these new OMP-provided trip tickets will become mandatory starting on July 1, 2020.

Trip tickets have been a requirement contained in 18-691 C.M.R. ch. 2—the MMMP administrative rules—for several years but have not been previously provided by Maine marijuana regulators to program registrants.

We hope this form is helpful to our registrants to ensure everyone stays in compliance with the trip ticket requirements.

Their introduction standardizes trip tickets used throughout the medical program, and, when presented in concert with your current MMMP registration card, provides proof of authorized conduct to law enforcement officers when transferring marijuana from one location to another. When transferring marijuana to a third party, be sure to provide a copy of the trip ticket to the receiving party and, in all cases, maintain copies for your own business records.

Second, in the interest of continuing to protect the health and safety of both OMP staff and MMMP registrants, the Office will extend several operational adjustments through at least the end of June. These include restricting public access to our physical location, extending OMP's remote work plan for our employees, and continuing remote compliance inspections of MMMP registrants.

We have appreciated your assistance, responsiveness, and cooperation as our compliance staff have performed inspections remotely by telephone, e-mail, and/or video conference. The successful implementation of remote inspections has provided us with the confidence necessary to continue this approach to compliance inspections—in most cases—through at least the conclusion of this month.

Finally, while our physical office remains closed to the public due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, OMP has moved to a new location in Augusta as of Thursday, June 4, 2020. The new office address is 19 Union Street, Augusta, ME 04330. Our mailing address and office numbers remain unchanged.

OMP continues to monitor developments regarding COVID-19 and will make adjustments, as necessary, to its operations to support the ongoing recommendations of public health experts. The public's health, safety, and well-being are always our top priority.

As Maine gradually reopens under Governor Mill's Restarting Maine's Economy Plan, we will continue to keep you abreast of developments that may affect your day-to-day business operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erik Gundersen', written in a cursive style.

Erik Gundersen
Director