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To: Medical Marijuana Workgroup Members
From: Director Erik Gundersen, Office of Marijuana Policy
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Subject: Limited Tracking of Medical Marijuana Inventory by Certain Program Registrants

Background

Early in 2021, the Office of Marijuana Policy's (OMP) proposed rulemaking within the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program (MMMP) included provisions related to inventory tracking.

Since the convening of the Medical Marijuana Workgroup in September, OMP has benefited tremendously from discussions on a variety of topics, including the implementation of testing in the MMMP. The contents of this memorandum are intended to serve as a discussion draft for how inventory tracking could compliment mandatory testing within the MMMP while prioritizing Maine patients.

Tracking Proposal for Discussion

Who are the potential registrants affected?

- Registered Dispensaries
- Registered Caregivers operating Caregiver Retail Stores
- Registered Marijuana Testing Facilities
- Registrants voluntarily opting in

OMP estimates that this proposal would apply to 300-400 MMMP registrants out of approximately 3,100 total registrants. These individuals would be required to utilize OMP's statewide electronic portal for the purpose of implementing a mandatory testing model.

What is tracked?

- Plants cultivated by the registrant, harvested marijuana manufactured into edibles or concentrates, and products made available for sale to patients in a retail setting.
- Samples transferred to Registered Marijuana Testing Facilities for analysis.

How are items tracked?

- Registrants subject to tracking of their MMMP inventory would utilize OMP's statewide electronic portal.
- Registrants not subject to inventory tracking will utilize paper and/or digital record keeping on a form provided by the Department.

Key Takeaways

Why is tracking being discussed?

- With mandatory testing for certain products being considered by the Medical Marijuana Workgroup, inventory tracking is a critical tool to ensure that only tested product is made available to patients through a dispensary or caregiver retail store.
- Tracking provides important information on the size and volume of Maine's cannabis industry and is how OMP makes [adult use sales data](#) available to the public, policymakers, and the media.

How much does tracking with Metrc cost?

- The cost of the state's inventory tracking system is as follows: \$40/month subscription fee and \$0.45 per plant tag affixed to each marijuana plant and \$0.25 per package tag affixed to packages of harvested marijuana.

Conclusion

OMP looks forward to discussing how a scaled down tracking proposal can support patients, Maine businesses, Maine's regulated medical cannabis industry with members of the Medical Marijuana Workgroup.