

MMED Rule Making 2012 – 2013

Based on industry feedback, and its own experience, the MMED has determined that the majority of the existing medical marijuana rules that were effective July 1, 2011, are in need of amendment. Further, Governor Hickenlooper (Executive Order D 2012-002) and the general assembly (HB 12-1008) have mandated that all state agencies amend and improve at least 20% of existing rules, and that such agencies establish representative industry groups to evaluate the proposed amendments.

With this in mind, the MMED will be reviewing the entire medical marijuana rule structure and rule content with the following objectives:

- Ensuring that rules are necessary and not duplicative
- Ensuring that rules are written in plain language and are easy to understand
- Ensuring that rules achieve the desired intent, and assessing whether more or less regulation is needed
- Determining if the rules can be amended to reduce regulatory burden while maintaining the desired benefits
- Ensuring that rules related to processes are implemented in an efficient and effective manner

The following calendar table is intended as a general timeline designed to keep this effort focused and on track. The dates for stakeholder meetings are noted in red and are open to all stakeholders interested in providing comment. The division is hopeful that opening the discussion beyond the designated advisory panel will encourage the participation of those with valuable and constructive input. Before the meetings, the division will release the agenda and general guidelines for constructive participation.

Proposed Timeline 2012-2013

MMED will release preliminary proposed rules framework via email and web site. The division is proposing a reconfiguration and amendment of the existing set of rules. There will be no draft rule language in this framework	December 3, 2012
Written comments regarding the proposed framework and suggested rule language may be submitted.	December 3 – December 28, 2012
MMED will release an initial draft of rules language via electronic communication and web site for industry review.	No later than December 28, 2012
First stakeholder forum for public comment, discussion and Q&A, chaired by the division director (Jefferson County Courthouse - time and room location to be announced). MMED licensing, enforcement, and administrative staff will be available. There will be no structured advisory committee.	January 11, 2013
MMED will release redrafted proposed rules to incorporate collected stakeholder feedback, or to reserve feedback for further discussion.	No later than February 1, 2013
Second stakeholder forum meeting for further discussion and review (Jefferson County Courthouse - time and room location to be announced).	February 15, 2013
Redraft and refine final proposed rules for consideration in public hearing	No later than March 1, 2013
Final stakeholder forum meeting for public discussion and review (Jefferson County Courthouse - time and room location to be announced).	March 22, 2013
Finalize proposed rule language and provide schedule for hearing (in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act)	April 2, 2013