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**Department of Revenue**

Enforcement Division - Marijuana  
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**INDUSTRY-WIDE BULLETIN: 16-13**

**RE: PROFICIENCY TESTING ESTABLISHED FOR FLOWER POTENCY, & MANDATORY MEDICAL MARIJUANA FLOWER POTENCY TESTING REQUIRED STARTING NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

Dear Marijuana Industry Stakeholders:

Proficiency testing has been established in the category of flower potency for all licensed Retail and Medical Marijuana Testing Facilities that are certified to test in this category. To view which Testing Facilities have been certified in potency testing, please visit this webpage:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/enforcement/med-licensed-facilities>

Pursuant to 12-43.3-202(2.5)(c) in the Colorado Revised Statutes, testing facility licensees must be set up for proficiency testing in order for mandatory medical marijuana testing to begin. With proficiency testing now established for flower potency, the Marijuana Enforcement Division is implementing mandatory potency testing of Medical Marijuana. Beginning Tuesday, November 1, 2016, all Medical Marijuana Optional Premises Cultivations are required to comply with rule M 1503(B). This rule states:

B. Potency Testing for Medical Marijuana.

1. Initial Potency Testing. An Optional Premises Cultivation Operation must have potency tests conducted by a Medical Marijuana Testing Facility on four Harvest Batches, created a minimum of one week apart, for each strain of Medical Marijuana that it cultivates.
  - a. The first potency test must be conducted on each strain prior to the Optional Premises Cultivation Operation wholesaling, transferring or processing into a Medical Marijuana Concentrate any Medical Marijuana of that strain.
  - b. All four potency tests must be conducted on each strain no later than December 1, 2016 or six months after the Optional Premises Cultivation Operation begins cultivating that strain, whichever is later.
2. Ongoing Potency Testing. After the initial four potency tests, an Optional Premises Cultivation Operation shall have each strain of Medical Marijuana that it cultivates tested for potency at least once every six months.

To provide adequate time for each Licensee to fully comply with the rule requirements, Optional Premises Cultivations shall have until April 1, 2017 to conduct all four potency tests on each strain, or six months after cultivation begins on a strain, whichever is later.



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Mandatory Medical Marijuana potency testing is a matter of public health and safety and full compliance is expected beginning November 1, 2016. Please review the M 1500 series of rules in 1 CCR 212-1 for all requirements related to Medical Marijuana potency testing. All currently effective Medical Marijuana rules can be accessed on the Colorado Secretary of State's website at: <http://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=6820>

Regards,

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