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**INDUSTRY-WIDE BULLETIN: 16-10**

**RE: INFORMATION REGARDING JULY 1, 2016 MEDICAL MARIJUANA TESTING**

Dear Marijuana Industry Stakeholders:

This industry bulletin addresses inquiries regarding medical marijuana testing requirements set forth in Senate Bill 15-260 (SB15-260) and Division rules in the M 700 series and M 1500 series, 1 CCR 212-1.

- 1) SB15-260 provided for the creation and licensure of medical marijuana testing facilities, and also the establishment of "a medical marijuana and medical marijuana-infused products independent testing and certification program for medical marijuana licensees." This act becomes effective July 1, 2016. Because July 1, 2016 is when the bill is effective, that date is also the earliest date that the medical marijuana testing program could be implemented.

Also, the act instructs that medical marijuana testing shall not be mandatory "until a marijuana laboratory testing reference library is created and licensees are set up for proficiency tests and standards." The reference library has been created by the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) and can be accessed at:  
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Marijuana%20Testing%20Method%20Reference%20Library.pdf>

CDPHE and the Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) have been working with licensees and other stakeholders on proficiency testing and standards since the Fall of 2015. As part of this process, multiple rounds of flower potency testing have been conducted in order to establish proficiency testing in this category. It is estimated that as a result of these rounds of testing, proficiency testing for flower potency likely will be implemented soon. Once proficiency testing for flower potency is established, medical marijuana testing in this category can be made mandatory. However, a definitive date is not available at this time. The Division will issue another industry bulletin indicating the implementation date for mandatory flower potency testing when proficiency testing is established for this category.



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In the meantime, CDPHE and MED will continue to work with licensees and other stakeholders to develop proficiency testing for the remaining categories of marijuana testing including: potency of other forms of marijuana (products and concentrates), microbial testing, and residual solvent testing.

- 2) Additionally, pursuant to SB15-260, medical marijuana businesses no longer will be allowed to submit samples of medical marijuana and medical marijuana-infused product to retail marijuana testing facilities starting on July 1, 2016. Instead, medical marijuana businesses intending to have their products tested will need to submit samples to licensed medical marijuana testing facilities. Many of the licensed retail marijuana testing facilities are currently in the process of receiving their medical marijuana testing facility license. Thus, in many instances medical marijuana businesses will be able to continue to use their preferred testing facility.

A list of the licensed medical marijuana testing facilities will be made available through the Division's website on the "MED Licensed facilities" webpage and updated as the testing facilities become licensed. This information will be posted in the same manner that the list of licensed retail marijuana testing facilities is currently posted on the same webpage.

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