

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Open Application Period for Dispensaries**

Summary: The Director, pursuant to section 14 of the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1999 (Act), effective July 27, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-210; D.C. Official Code §§ 7-1671.01, *et. seq.*), Mayor's Order 2011-71, dated April 13, 2011, and Title 22 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) that adds a new subtitle C entitled "Medical Marijuana," hereby gives notice and announces that the Department will make applications available for operation of up to five (5) medical marijuana dispensaries on **September 30, 2011**. Only the individuals and entities that submitted timely Letters of Intent to the Director, meeting the requirements set forth § 5401.4 of the regulations, shall be permitted to submit an application for a dispensary registration. These individuals have been notified by e-mail and certified mail.

The Department of Health (DOH) will begin accepting completed applications on **Monday, October 3, 2011 at 9:00am ET**. The application period will terminate on **Monday, October 31, 2011 at 12 noon ET**. The application and required schedules shall be typed legibly [preferably in 12-point font]. All applications and required supporting documents shall be submitted to: The District of Columbia Health Regulation and Licensing Administration, Department of Health, 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20002, Attn: Patricia M. D'Antonio. **Please note that applications will not be accepted prior to Monday, October 3, 2011 at 9:00 am ET or after Monday, October 31, 2011 at 12 noon ET.**

Each applicant shall file ten (10) printed copies and one electronic (PDF) copy of all application materials, accompanied by the application fee in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), made payable to the **DC Treasurer**. Please note that two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) of the application fee shall be non-refundable.

Electronic copies of the application and the regulations related to the Medical Marijuana Program [22 DCMR Subtitle C] may be obtained from the Department of Health Medical Marijuana Program website: [www.hrla.doh.dc.gov/mmp](http://www.hrla.doh.dc.gov/mmp).

Be advised that the application requirements are based on the 4<sup>th</sup> Proposed and Emergency Regulations published on **Friday, August 12, 2011** in the D.C Register. The regulations are also available on the Department's website. This version of the regulations sets the standards that each application must fully comply with. Applicants will not be allowed to amend, add to, correct, revise, or supplement your application after it has been submitted. Therefore, each applicant is strongly encouraged to read the revised regulations carefully before submitting an application.

The Department may approve up to five (5) applicants for a registration to operate a medical marijuana dispensary. It should also be noted that the Department reserves the right to deny any

and all applications consistent with its duly established statutory and regulatory authority and prerogatives.

All costs involved in preparation and submission of an application shall be the responsibility of the applicant. The Department shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by an applicant in preparation or submission of an application.

Applicants should **e-mail** all written questions or requests for clarification regarding this announcement or the application process to [doh.mmp@dc.gov](mailto:doh.mmp@dc.gov) with “MMP-DISP Question” in the subject line. Questions and responses will be posted on the Department’s Medical Marijuana Program website: [www.hrla.doh.dc.gov/mmp](http://www.hrla.doh.dc.gov/mmp). Questions will not be answered on an individual basis. Applicants should also monitor the Department’s Medical Marijuana Program [website](#) for questions/responses and other addenda to this announcement. Questions received after October 14, 2011 may not be answered. **Phone inquiries will not be accepted.**

**The deadline for receipt of application materials filed in response to this announcement is 12 noon ET on October 31, 2011.** This period will not be extended. Applications received after the deadline shall **NOT** be accepted for review. Applications should be submitted in a manner to ensure signed receipt.

Applicants may apply for one dispensary registration. Only the individuals and entities that submitted timely Letters of Intent to the Director, meeting the requirements set forth in the regulations, and which have been notified in writing by the Department of being eligible to apply shall be permitted to submit an application for a dispensary registration.