

INFORMATION BULLETIN 2016-01

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To: PRFs of OHA Registered Dispensaries, Dispensary Applicants, and other concerned parties

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Subject: Upcoming Rule Changes Affecting Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

The Medical Marijuana Program would like to remind all dispensaries that the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has posted proposed permanent rules effective March 1, 2016 affecting the registration and operation of medical marijuana dispensaries. The purpose of these proposed rule changes is to implement the legislative changes to the Medical Marijuana Act listed in HB 3400. The proposed rules were developed with extensive public comment that included several Rule Advisory Committee meetings and public comment sessions; contributions from the Advisory Committee on Medical Marijuana; and, statewide public testimony sessions.

Some examples of changes that may have a significant impact are noted below. The changes noted are not intended to reflect an exhaustive review. **You are encouraged to read the proposed permanent rules, available on the program website by following this link:**
<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/mmi/Pages/rules.aspx>

Effective March 1, 2016

- New requirements for inventory tracking integrated with point of sale, producing bar code (OAR 333-008-1200);
- \$35.00 fee for background checks for each persons listed on the application (OAR 333-008-1030(3));
- No grandfathering of an application submitted but not approved for registration prior to rule change;

- Dispensary may only accept transfer of product containing THC or CBD that is derived from Marijuana;
- Dispensary may only accept laboratory test results from a laboratory listed on the programs website (OAR 333-0008-9000(1)(c));
- Dispensary may have multiple persons listed as a Person Responsible for a Dispensary (PRD), and must designate a Primary PRD which will be responsible for receiving all communications from the program;
- Applicants must submit a Land Use Compatibility Statement at time of application;
- PRD must submit electronically, each month, inventory and transfer amounts across broad spectrum of criteria (OAR 333-008-1248).

Please note that these rules are proposed and changes may be made to them before they become final. Please visit the program's website for updates. A notice will be sent once the rules do become final.

Additional information may be found in the program's Frequently Asked Question and Answer section, available here: <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/mmj/Pages/faq.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact the Medical Marijuana program at 855-244-9580 or email to medmj.dispensaries@state.or.us