

July 24, 2020

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & COMMENT**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2, that the Cannabis Control Commission (Commission) will hold public hearings on the promulgation of the following:

- Draft regulations revising 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*. The revisions focus on licensing, registration and operational issues. The proposed changes impact agents, priority applicants, and most Marijuana Establishment (ME) license types. There are changes to the general requirements for all licensees, including refinements to the definition of persons or entities with direct or indirect control and the establishment of new requirements for receivership. Changes to operational requirements include, but are not limited to, operational plans, cultivation, product design, packaging and labeling, potency limits, product testing, data collection, transferring and sourcing of product, retail sales, advertising and branding, safety and security procedures, and training requirements. There are changes to certain programs, including the Social Equity Program and the Leadership Rating Program.
- Draft regulations revising 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*. The revisions focus on licensing, registration and operational issues. The proposed changes impact agents, patients, caregivers, and marijuana treatment centers (MTCs). There are changes to the general requirements for all licensees, including refinements to the definition of persons or entities with direct or indirect control and the requirements for notification and approval of changes, and the establishment of new requirements for receivership. Changes to operational requirements include, but are not limited to, operational plans, cultivation, product design, packaging and labeling, potency limits, product testing, data collection, transferring and sourcing of product, retail sales, advertising and branding, safety and security procedures, and training requirements. Revisions also address patient access issues such as patient certification and registration and hardship cultivation. There are changes to certain programs, including the establishment of Leadership Rating Program.
- Draft regulations revising and potentially eliminating 935 CMR 502.000: *Colocated Adult-Use and Medical-Use Marijuana Operations*. The revisions delete all provisions of this section, which have been incorporated, as applicable in 935 CMR 500.000 and 935 CMR 501.000.



The Commission promulgates the draft regulations pursuant to its authority under M.G.L. c. 94G, *Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed*; and M.G.L. c. 94I, *Medical Use of Marijuana*.

The hearing will be held on the following date, time and location:

Monday, August 3, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION  
Virtual Event

Link will be published at:

<https://mass-cannabis-control.com/calendar/>

In advance of the public hearing, the text of the proposed regulations may be viewed by visiting the Cannabis Control Commission’s website at: <https://mass-cannabis-control.com/>, requested by emailing [Commission@cccmass.com](mailto:Commission@cccmass.com), or by calling the Commission at 774-415-0200.

Public testimony. At the hearing, speakers are asked to provide a copy of oral comment and submit their testimony electronically to the following address: [Commission@cccmass.com](mailto:Commission@cccmass.com). Please submit the copy of oral testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of an email. Please note in the subject line “*Draft Medical-Use Regulations*,” “*Draft Adult-Use Regulations*” or “*Draft Colocated-Operations Regulations*” as appropriate. All submissions should include the submitter’s full name, city/town and state, and if available, electronic mail address, and phone number(s). Please identify the section of the regulations to which the submitted comments refer. If interested parties are unable to submit electronic testimony, they should mail written submissions and mark it as a copy of oral testimony to: Cannabis Control Commission, ATTN: DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES, 2 Washington Square, Worcester, MA 01604. Because the Commission’s offices are closed due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, for the Commission to receive submissions by mail, we recommend sending the submission via the US Postal Service without requiring a signature.

Public comment. In addition to this hearing, the Commission will accept comments via mail and email. Except for submitting a copy of oral testimony, please do not submit duplicative comment as it may make it difficult for the Commissioners and staff to review all the comment in advance of the final regulations. Please submit electronic public comment as an attached Word document or as text within the body of an email. Please note in the subject line “*Draft Medical-Use Regulations*,” “*Draft Adult-Use Regulations*” or “*Draft Colocated-Operations Regulations*” as appropriate. All submissions should include the submitters’ full name, city/town and state, and if available, electronic mail address and phone number.

Please identify the section of the regulations to which the submitted comments refer and if possible, the following information:

- If the request is to amend the draft regulation, a copy of the regulation with changes clearly marked on electronic or paper copies; and



- The reasons for the request including, but not limited to, citation to any relevant legal authority, arguments and evidence, including data, that supports the request.

If interested parties are unable to submit electronic public comment, they should mail written submissions to the Commission at the address listed above.

**All public testimony and comment should be submitted as soon as possible, and not later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2020. Any submissions received after that date will not be considered as timely and may not be reviewed. In the interest of transparency, the Commission may publish the submissions it receives on its website or produce these submissions in response to a request made under the Massachusetts Public Records Law, M.G.L. c. 66, § 10, or other compulsory legal process.**

