

ADVISORY BULLETIN

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Medical Marihuana Facilities Transition Period

LARA's Emergency Rules allow for a transition period of 30 calendar days during which marihuana product can be entered into the statewide monitoring system to ensure statewide tracking. Within those 30 days – which begin on the day a state operating license is issued – the licensee shall:

- Record, tag, and/or package all marihuana product in the licensee's possession in accordance with the statewide monitoring system.
- If licensed as a grower or processor, comply with all testing requirements as prescribed by the MMFLA and the 5/30/18 Emergency Rules prior to transferring marihuana product.
- If licensed as a provisioning center, obtain a <u>signed written acknowledgement</u> from caregivers/patients consenting to the sale or transfer of marihuana product. Prior to sale or transfer, verify the patient/caregiver has a valid driver license or government-issued identification card, holds a valid registry identification card, and is not over the purchasing limits as prescribed in Rule 41 of the 5/30/18 Emergency Rules.

The above requirements pertain to all marihuana and marihuana-infused products remaining in inventory at the time of licensure.

After the 30-calendar-day period has elapsed, any marihuana product that was not acquired in compliance with the MMFLA and the 5/30/18 Emergency Rules – from a licensed marihuana facility – must be destroyed in accordance with Rule 36 of the 5/30/18 Emergency Rules. The destroyed product must be accounted for in the statewide monitoring system.

A violation of this rule may result in sanctions and/or fines. At any time during this 30-calendarday period, and thereafter, a marihuana facility is subject to inspection.

The MMFLA specifies that growers and processors have 30 days once their license is issued to transfer marihuana plants, seeds, and seedlings if they are lawfully possessed by an individual formerly registered as a primary caregiver who is an active employee of the grower or processor. This 30-day period coincides with the 30-calendar-days given for licensees to enter items into the statewide monitoring system. This provision expires Dec. 31, 2018.

Questions can be sent to the Bureau of Medical Marihuana Enforcement Section via email at <u>LARA-BMMR-Enforcement@michigan.gov</u> For more information about LARA, please visit <u>www.michigan.gov/lara</u>

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