

ADVISORY BULLETIN

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Purchasing Limits & Item Categories

Purchasing Limits

Daily: A sale or transfer of marihuana product to a registered qualifying patient or

registered primary caregiver may not exceed the daily purchasing limit of 2.5

ounces per day per registered qualifying patient.

Monthly: A sale or transfer of marihuana product to a registered qualifying patient –

either directly or through the qualifying patient's registered primary caregiver - may not exceed the monthly purchasing limit of 10 ounces per month per

registered qualifying patient.

Usable marihuana – flower, resin, extract (shatter, waxes, oils, vapes) – the daily purchasing limit is determined by the weight of the product.

Marihuana-infused products – tinctures, edibles, etc.– must follow the usable marihuana equivalency conversion specified in the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act.

The grower or processor must determine the net weight or net volume of the product as specified in Rule 61 (R 333.261). Products can be in any combination as long as they do not exceed the daily purchasing limit.

For purposes of determining usable marihuana equivalency, use the following conversion chart:

Marihuana-infused product type	Equivalency to 1 ounce of usable marihuana
Solid (chocolate bar, gummies, brownies)	16 ounces
Liquid (tinctures, topicals)	36 fluid ounces

Example:

A registered qualifying patient intends to purchase:

- (1) ounce of flower
- (5) vape cartridges each with a net weight of 0.1 ounces
- (2) brownies each weighing 8 ounces.

The total amount allowed is 2.5 ounces. After subtracting one ounce of flower, this leaves 1.5 ounces remaining. After subtracting the total weight of the vape cartridges (0.5), this leaves 1.0 ounces remaining. The weight of the two brownies is equivalent to an ounce – that would put the patient at their 2.5-ounce daily purchase limit.



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Item Categories in METRC

It is important that all packages/products are properly categorized in the State of Michigan's statewide monitoring system (METRC). The required testing, quantity measures, daily purchasing limits and product transfers will all be affected by the "Item Category" designation assigned in METRC. If a package is classified inaccurately the product transfer should be rejected. Proper identification and verification of product is important for all license types, however the responsibility for choosing the correct item category will largely depend on the growers and processors.

Item Category	Item Example	Quantity Type	Impact for Testing	THC Limit
Buds	Buds/Flower	Net Weight	Requires full compliance testing, any failed test except for chemical residue may be repeated	No
Concentrate	Shatter, Wax, Crumble, Kief	Net Weight	Solvent based methods require residual solvent testing	No
Concentrate (Each)	Vape Cartridges	Enter by Unit - Net Weight		
Infused Liquid and Infused Liquid (Each)	Drinks	Volume	Requires full compliance testing, any failed test except for microbials or chemical residue may be repeated	Yes
Infused Edible	Brownies, Chocolates, Gummy Bears, Etc.	Net Weight		
Infused Non-Edible Liquid	Lotions, etc.	Volume	Requires full compliance testing, any failed test except for microbials or chemical residue may be repeated	No
Infused Non-Edible Solid	Patches, Balm, etc.	Net Weight		
Shake/Trim	Shake/Trim combined into a single Metrc package for extraction	Net Weight	Requires full compliance testing, any failed test except for chemical residue may be repeated	No
Shake/Trim (By Strain)	Pre-Rolls	Net Weight		
Immature Plants	Clones, tissue cultures, cuttings	Count	Do not require testing; may transfer from grower to grower	No

Questions can be sent to the Bureau of Medical Marihuana Enforcement Section via email at LARA-BMMR-Enforcement@michigan.gov
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