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May 3, 2021

RE: Re-licensure process for Licensed Non-Profit Producers

Dear Licensed Non-Profit Producers:

The Cannabis Regulation Act (CRA) – recently signed into law by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham – legalizes adult-use cannabis in New Mexico and it transitions the statutory authority for licensing all medical cannabis establishments from the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) to the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) effective June 29, 2021. To that end, we want to provide guidance to you regarding the upcoming annual license renewal process for all licensed non-profit producers (LNPPs).

Because of the transition of statutory authority to the newly created Cannabis Control Division (CCD) located within RLD on June 29, 2021, the DOH will not require LNPPs to submit a license renewal packet this year as has been previously required. Instead, please submit a brief letter via email to [lmedical.cannabis@state.nm.us](mailto:lmedical.cannabis@state.nm.us) by June 1, 2021 indicating your intent to continue as a licensed producer. We are taking these steps to reduce your administrative burden during the transition from DOH to CCD.

The CRA provides that CCD will begin accepting and processing license applications for cannabis producers, cannabis producer microbusinesses and properly licensed medical cannabis producers no later than September 1, 2021. Further, the CRA provides that CCD shall begin issuing all other cannabis-related licenses no later than January 1, 2022. Properly licensed cannabis establishments that are in good standing pursuant to the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act as of June 29, 2021, can continue operating using their DOH-issued license until CCD begins issuing comparable licenses. This also applies to any employee cards that have been issued.

Going forward, the best way to stay current on upcoming announcements, rulemaking notices, fees, and other important information is to sign up for email updates at the [Cannabis Control Division](https://ccd.rld.state.nm.us/) (<https://ccd.rld.state.nm.us/>) website.

Please know that we recognize the great importance of ensuring the integrity and quality of the medical cannabis program and ensuring there is an adequate supply of medical cannabis for all New Mexico patients. During this transition, please don't hesitate to reach out to us directly if we can help answer any questions or if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Dominick Zurlo, Director  
NMDOH – Medical Cannabis Division Program

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Linda M. Trujillo, Superintendent  
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