

Medical Cannabis Annual Report on Non-Profit Producer Status December 15, 2009

The Medical Cannabis Non-Profit Applicant Review Committee continues to review applications. At this time there are 5 licensed non-profits and 23 applications in process.

The first non-profit was licensed in March 2009. They began production at that time, and started to distribute medical cannabis at the end of July, 2009. The following statistics come from their database:

Produced: 11,713 grams

Orders Delivered: 644

Average quantity per order: 15 grams

Because of the limited supply, the non-profit producer limited the maximum quantity patients could order so they could reach as many patients as possible. With this, the average order per patients is 15 grams. As supply becomes more available, this will most likely increase.

The other 4 licensed non-profit producers were licensed in November 2009. They were not able to begin production prior to licensure. Production takes a minimum of 60 to 90 days, so they are not ready for distribution, and do not have any preliminary statistic at this time.

As of December 10, 2009, the Medical Cannabis Program has 899 active patients in the program. Of these patients, 243 have been issued licenses to produce their own medical cannabis.

The program is well on the way to achieving the goal of having medical cannabis available to patients, but has not yet achieved it. This is due to several factors. Since applications are reviewed thoroughly, it takes several months to complete the process. Once an applicant is licensed, they can begin to set up facilities and start production. This also takes several months before product is available for harvesting. At that point in time, the non-profit producers may start distribution.

With the data currently available, there is not sufficient information to determine whether a state run production and distribution facility is necessary at this time. The Medical Cannabis Program will review the licensed non-profit producers again in 6 months to determine the progress toward meeting the medical cannabis needs of the patients.

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