Notice of Medical Cannabis Advisory Board Public Meeting

The New Mexico Department of Health will hold a Medical Cannabis Advisory Board meeting on Friday, April 07, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Harold Runnels Building Auditorium, located at 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The public meeting is conducted to accept and review petitions received by the 30 day public notice deadline, review and recommend to the department for approval additional debilitating medical conditions that would benefit from the medical use of cannabis, accept and review petitions to add medical conditions, medical treatments or diseases to the list of debilitating medical conditions that qualify for the medical use of cannabis, review conditions previously reviewed by the board and approved by the secretary for the purpose of determining whether to recommend the revision of eligibility criteria for persons applying under those conditions or to review new medical and scientific evidence pertaining to currently approved conditions.

Petitions to add conditions may be accepted at any time. Those received 30 days prior to the meeting, by end of business on March 8, 2017, will be scheduled for the April 07, 2017 meeting. The Department does recommend petitions are submitted no later than March 22, 2017 to allow time for public comment to be submitted.

Any member of the public may testify at the public hearing, or may submit written comment regarding a petition. No prior notification is required to present general non-technical statements in support of, or in opposition to a petition. Any such member may also offer exhibits in connection with the testimony, so long as the exhibit is non-technical in nature and not unduly repetitious of the testimony.

Any individual who wishes to present technical evidence concerning a petition must submit a statement of intent to present technical evidence no later than 15 days prior to the hearing to the following address:

Medical Cannabis Program New Mexico Dept. of Health PO Box 26110 Santa Fe, NM 87502

A statement of intent to present technical evidence must include the name of the person submitting the statement, the name of any person who will speak regarding the statement, whether the person filing the statement supports or opposes the petition at issue, an estimate of the length of the person's anticipated testimony, a list of exhibits to be offered into evidence at the hearing, and a summary or outline of the anticipated testimony.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter or any other form of auxiliary aide or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Lupe Saiz by telephone at (505) 827-2723. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.