Notice of Medical Cannabis Advisory Board Public Meeting

The New Mexico Department of Health will be holding two Medical Cannabis Advisory Board meetings: one on Monday, November 16, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and one on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Please note: these meetings will not cover the same topics or material). The meetings will be held through a web-based platform due to the concerns surrounding the COVID-19 Coronavirus. Attendees will be able to join the events through the internet or by phone. Instructions on how to access these meetings and the agenda will be posted to the following website: www.nmhealth.org/go/mcp at least 24-hours prior to the scheduled meetings.

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 October 16, 2020, will be scheduled for the November 16, 2020, meeting. Petitions for the December 9, 2020, meeting must be received by end of business on November 9, 2020.

Any member of the public 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 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 in need of special assistance to participate in the public hearing, please contact Elizabeth Jensen - (505) 827-2386 or Gary French - (505) 827-2362. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.