

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New Mexico Department of Health (Department) will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to various rule sections of the Department's Medical Cannabis Program rules at Parts 7.34.2, 7.34.3, and 7.34.4 NMAC. The hearing will be held on July 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Harold Runnels Building, located at 1190 St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The proposed rule amendments include:

- Revisions to nonprofit producer licensure requirements, including cannabis plant limits, licensing fee requirements, and the specification of certain quarterly reporting requirements;
- Revisions to standards concerning bases for disciplinary actions against licensed producers, and revisions to the fines applicable to licensed nonprofit producers;
- Revisions to personal production license (PPL) standards, including provisions regarding who may hold a PPL and where a PPL holder may grow cannabis plants;
- Addition of a licensing provision for school districts, public schools and charter schools, and their designated school personnel, to possess, store and administer cannabis for qualified students, in accordance with recent changes to the Public Schools Code;
- Modification of the patient enrollment period from the current one-year period to three years;
- Revision of certain hepatitis C eligibility requirements;
- Inclusion of certain annual submittal requirements for qualified patients;
- Removal of the 70% THC concentration limit for cannabis-derived products;
- Removal of the prohibition against certifications conducted by telemedicine, and inclusion of certain requirements applicable to such certifications;
- Revisions to the Medical Cannabis Advisory Board membership requirements; and
- Various revisions and additions to definitions in all three rule parts.

The legal authority for the proposed rule amendments is at NMSA 1978, Section 9-7-6(E), and NMSA 1978, Section 26-2B-7(A).

Free copies of the full text of the proposed rule amendments can be obtained online from the New Mexico Department of Health's website at <http://nmhealth.org/about/asd/cmo/rules/> or from Andrea Sundberg using the contact information below.

The public hearing will be conducted to receive public comment on the various proposed amendments to sections of Parts 7.34.2, 7.34.3, and 7.34.4 NMAC. Any interested member of the public may attend the hearing and submit data, views, or arguments either orally or in writing on the proposed rule amendments during the hearing. Written public comment may also be submitted prior to the date of the hearing. Please submit any written comments regarding the proposed rule amendments to the attention of :

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All written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. MDT on July 11, 2019. All written comments will be published on the agency website at <http://nmhealth.org/about/asd/cmo/rules/> within 3 days of receipt, and will be available at the New Mexico Department of Health Medical Cannabis Program for public inspection.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of special assistance or accommodations to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Andrea Sundberg by telephone at (505) 827-2318. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.