

Mississippi Medical Marijuana Program Laboratory/Testing Facilities

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OVERVIEW OF REGULATIONS

- ▶ **Subpart 1: Product Safety/Laboratory Requirements**
- ▶ Subpart 2: General Requirements
- ▶ Subpart 3: Advertising and Marketing
- ▶ Subpart 4: Labelling and Tracking
- ▶ Subpart 5: Patient Certification
- ▶ Subpart 6: Reciprocity
- ▶ Subpart 7: Qualifications for caregivers, owners, operators, employees, and agents of medical marijuana treatment centers/dispensaries
- ▶ Subpart 8: Qualifications for safe and secure processing of medical marijuana
- ▶ Subpart 9: Use in long term care settings
- ▶ Subpart 10: Compliance and Monitoring

PROPOSED LABORATORY REGULATIONS

- ▶ Chapter 1: Regulations for independent medical marijuana testing facility
- ▶ Subchapter 1: General Provisions
 - ▶ Definitions
 - ▶ All independent medical marijuana testing laboratory operations must be physically located within the State of Mississippi and certified with MSDH
- ▶ Subchapter 2: Documentation Requirements for Applicants
 - ▶ Information on applicants and owners
 - ▶ Internal Policies and quality control documents
 - ▶ Proof of lab accreditation (or application)

PROPOSED LABORATORY REGULATIONS

- ▶ Subchapter 3: Business/Ownership Requirements for Applicants
 - ▶ Must register with Secretary of State
 - ▶ Restrictions of criminal history
 - ▶ Cannot be affiliated with producer or treatment center
 - ▶ Fingerprint and other information submissions required
- ▶ Subchapter 4: Certification of Independent Medical Marijuana Testing
 - ▶ Accreditation requirements
 - ▶ Criteria to maintain certification
 - ▶ Inspection and monitoring

PROPOSED LABORATORY REGULATIONS

▶ Subchapter 5: Proficiency Testing

- ▶ Required elements of proficiency assurance
- ▶ Process for resolving deficiencies

▶ Subchapter 6: Testing

- ▶ Must develop appropriate Standard Operating Procedures
- ▶ Requires proper sampling procedures
- ▶ Chain-of-Custody
- ▶ All testing must be done at the chosen testing facility

- ▶ Retention and destruction guidance

- ▶ Storage and transport requirements

- ▶ Mechanisms for transitioning to a different testing lab

- ▶ Generate Certificate of Analysis and report to MSDH

- ▶ Remediation of products allowed in certain circumstances

- ▶ Retention of reserve samples

- ▶ Report retention

- ▶ Inventory control system

PROPOSED LABORATORY REGULATIONS

- ▶ **Subchapter 7: Quality Assurance**
 - ▶ Details of QA plan that must be developed
- ▶ **Subchapter 8: Compliance Monitoring**
 - ▶ Minimal annual inspection
 - ▶ Unannounced inspections
 - ▶ Corrective action plan guidance
- ▶ **Subchapter 9: Mandatory Testing of Medical Marijuana**
 - ▶ Labs must be certified
 - ▶ Mandatory Testing on Final Product
 - ▶ Sampling Guidance

PROPOSED LABORATORY REGULATIONS

- ▶ **Subchapter 10: Transportation of Medical Marijuana**
 - ▶ Manifest requirements
 - ▶ Documentation requirements
 - ▶ Requirements for accidents or product loss
 - ▶ Only independent medical marijuana testing facility agents may occupy a transport vehicle
- ▶ **Subchapter 11: Suspension of Independent Medical Marijuana Testing Facility Licensure/Certification**
 - ▶ Reasons that MSDH may suspend certification