



To: All New York State Adult-Use Retail Licensees
From: NYS Office of Cannabis Management
Date: February 24, 2026
Subject: **FINAL REMINDER: February 28 Deadline for Retail Item ID Transfers**

Dear Licensee,

This is a final reminder that starting March 1, 2026, all cannabis products transferred from licensed distributors, including microbusinesses performing distribution activities, to licensed cannabis dispensaries must have a Retail Item ID on each unit.

If current inventory held by distributors cannot be transferred to a dispensary prior to **February 28, 2026**, distributors must purchase Retail Item IDs and affix them to each unit prior to transfer. Alternatively, distributors may return products to the original processor—the licensee that submitted the product for laboratory compliance testing—for appropriate handling prior to redistribution.

This requirement is part of the phased rollout to ensure full traceability, consumer safety, and supply chain transparency across New York’s regulated cannabis market. Licensees performing distribution activities who continue to transfer cannabis products to dispensaries after February 28, 2026, without a Retail Item ID on each unit will be out of compliance with state regulations and may be subject to regulatory action.

Additional Reminders:

- Effective **December 17, 2025**, **every package** transferred from distributors to dispensaries **must** have a Package UID affixed to it.
 - Distributors are **not allowed** to transfer multiple packages to dispensaries using one Package UID even if multiple packages contain the same product types and batch ID.
 - Distributors who continue to send multiple packages under one Package UID will be out of compliance with state regulations and may be subject to regulatory action.
- Dispensaries may continue receiving inventory from distributors **without** Retail Item IDs on each unit **through February 28, 2026**. **Dispensaries can continue to sell these cannabis products already in their inventory without a Retail ID.**
- **Beginning March 1, 2026**, all finished good products in package(s) received by dispensaries **must** have a Retail Item ID QR code on each unit.
- By **March 31, 2026**, all finished good products received by dispensaries must have:
 - A Retail Item ID QR code on each unit; and
 - A “TestPassed” or “RetestPassed” testing status associated to each package prior to transfer.

If you still need help, please visit [Seed-to-Sale FAQs](#). For Metrc system access or support, use the [Metrc Support Portal](#) or call 1-877-566-6506.

Thank you,
NYS Office of Cannabis Management