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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT TO FILE FOR
PROPOSED RULEMAKING CERTAIN MEDICAL CANNABIS REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 3 of the Cannabis Law, the Cannabis Control Board (Board) is charged with the function, power and duty to fix by rule and regulation requirements related to medical cannabis;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 10, 13, and 43 of the Cannabis Law allows the Board to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions governing medical cannabis found in Article 3 of the Cannabis Law;

WHEREAS, amendments to Article 3 of the Cannabis Law were signed into law (Chapter 544 of the Laws of 2025) effective February 19, 2026, and require conforming amendments to the medical cannabis regulations promulgated in Part 113 of Title 9 of the New York Code, Rules and Regulations;

WHEREAS, the Office of Cannabis Management (Office) recommends that the Board file with the Department of State to publish for public comment the attached proposed amended medical cannabis regulations, which make amendments to conform to these statutory changes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Office to file with the New York State Department of State to issue for public comment the attached proposed amendments to the medical cannabis regulations, as may be amended for changes in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act.

[Attachment]

Part 113. Medical Cannabis

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Section 113.1. Definitions

For the purposes of this Part, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) *Adverse event* means any untoward medical occurrence associated with the use of a medical cannabis product in humans.

(b) *Advertising* means advertising as defined in Part 128 of this Title.

(c) *Advertisement* means advertisement as defined in Part 128 of this Title.

(d) *Aggregate ownership* means aggregate ownership as defined in Part 118 of this Title.

(e) *Artificially derived phytocannabinoid* means artificially derived phytocannabinoid as defined in Part 118 of this Title.

(f) *Board* means the New York State Cannabis Control Board as defined in article 1 of the Cannabis Law.

(g) *Brand or Branding* means the name, entity name, or doing business as name, registered trademark, logo, symbol, motto, selling message, recognizable pattern of colors, or any other identifiable marker that identifies one (1) medical cannabis registrant or medical cannabis registrant's medical cannabis products as distinct from those cannabis products of other medical cannabis registrants or adult-use cannabis licensees and is used in, among other things, any packaging, labeling, advertising or marketing.

(h) *Caring for* means treating a patient, in the course of which the practitioner has completed a full assessment of the patient's medical history and current medical condition.

(i) *Certificate of analysis* means a certified report from a cannabis laboratory meeting the testing requirements of section 113.15 of this Part.

(j) *Certified medical use* means the acquisition, cultivation, manufacture, delivery, harvest, possession, preparation, transfer, transportation, or use of medical cannabis for a certified patient, or the acquisition, administration, cultivation, manufacture, delivery, harvest, possession, preparation, transfer, or transportation of medical cannabis by a designated caregiver or designated caregiver facility, or paraphernalia relating to the administration of cannabis, including whole cannabis flower, to treat or alleviate a certified patient's medical condition or symptoms associated with the patient's medical condition.

(k) *Certified patient* means a patient who is a resident of New York or receiving care and treatment in New York State and is certified in accordance with section 113.3 of this Part.

(l) *Child-Resistant* means child-resistant as defined in Part 128 of this Title.

(m) *Condition* means having one (1) of the following conditions: cancer, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, damage to the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity, epilepsy, inflammatory bowel disease, neuropathies, Huntington's disease, post-traumatic stress disorder, pain that degrades health and functional capability (where the use of medical cannabis is

an alternative to opioid use), substance use disorder, Alzheimer's, muscular dystrophy, dystonia, rheumatoid arthritis, autism or any other condition certified by the practitioner.

(n) *Control or controlling interest* means control or controlling interest as defined in Part 118 of this Title.

(o) *Date of expiration or expiration date* means the date prior to which an unopened medical cannabis product meets applicable standards of identity, potency, and quality at the time of use, as determined by appropriate data, subject to any storage conditions stated on the labeling.

(p) *Designated caregiver applicant* means a natural person who is applying to obtain, amend or renew a registry identification number.

(q) *Designated caregiver facility* means a facility that registers with the office to assist one (1) or more certified patients with the acquisition, possession, delivery, transportation or administration of medical cannabis and is a: general hospital or residential health care facility operating pursuant to article 28 of the Public Health Law; an adult care facility operating pursuant to title 2 of article 7 of the Social Services Law; a community mental health residence established pursuant to [section 41.44 of the Mental Hygiene Law](#); a hospital operating pursuant to [section 7.17 of the Mental Hygiene Law](#); a mental hygiene facility operating pursuant to article 31 of the Mental Hygiene Law; an inpatient or residential treatment program certified pursuant to article 32 of the Mental Hygiene Law; a residential facility for the care and treatment of persons with developmental disabilities operating pursuant to article 16 of the Mental Hygiene Law; a residential treatment facility for children and youth operating pursuant to article 31 of the Mental Hygiene Law; a private or public school; research institution with an internal review board; or any other facility as determined by the office.

(r) *Exit package* means a receptacle into which medical cannabis products are placed at the point of sale. The exit package is optional.

(s) *Financial Interest* means financial interest as defined in Part 118 of this Title.

(t) *Form of medical cannabis or form* means form of medical cannabis as defined by article 1 of the Cannabis Law.

(u) *Goods and services agreement* means goods and services agreement as described in Part 124 of this Title.

(v) *House of worship* means house of worship as defined in Part 118 of this Title.

(w) *Lot* means a quantity of a medical cannabis product that has a homogenous and uniform phytocannabinoid concentration and product quality, produced according to a stable processing protocol specific to that product, during the same cycle of manufacture.

(x) *Lot unique identifier or lot number or bar code* means lot unique identifier or lot number or bar code as defined in Part 118 of this Title.

(y) *Marketing* means marketing as defined in Part 128 of this Title.

(z) *Manufacturing* shall include, but not be limited to cultivation, harvesting, extraction (or other processing), packaging and labeling.

(aa) *Medical cannabis product* is the final manufactured product of medical cannabis, as defined in section 3 of article 1 of the Cannabis Law, delivered to the patient that represents a specific phytocannabinoid concentration and form and active and inactive ingredients, prepared in a specific dosage and form, to be administered as recommended by the practitioner.

(ab) *Office* means the New York State Office of Cannabis Management as defined

in article 1 of the Cannabis Law.

(ac) *Passive Investor* means passive investor as defined in Part 118 of this Title.

(ad) *Person responsible for making health care decisions* means, in association with certified patients under the age of eighteen (18) or otherwise incapable of consent, a person legally authorized to make health care decisions for the patient, including decisions on the use of medical cannabis and the designation of caregivers.

(ae) *Phytocannabinoid* means phytocannabinoid as defined in Part 128 of this Title.

(af) *Plastic* means plastic as defined in Part 128 of this Title.

(ag) *Post-consumer recycled content* means post-consumer recycled content as defined in Part 128 of this Title.

(ah) *Practitioner* means an individual who is licensed, registered or certified by New York State to prescribe controlled substances within the state. Nothing in this Part shall be interpreted so as to give any such person authority to act outside their scope of practice as defined by title 8 of the Education Law. Additionally, nothing in this Part shall be interpreted to allow any unlicensed, unregistered, or uncertified person to act in a manner that would require a license, registration, or certification pursuant to title 8 of the Education Law.

(ai) *Principal packaging display panel* means the panel of the package or the marketing layer that the registered organization intends to be displayed at the dispensing site.

(aj) *Registered organization* means an organization registered as defined under

article 3 of the Cannabis Law.

(ak) *Registered organization applicant* means an organization that has a significant presence in New York State and is applying to be registered or to renew a registration as a registered organization.

~~[(al) *Registry application* means an application properly completed and filed with the office by a certified patient in accordance with article 3 of the Cannabis Law and this Part.]~~

~~[(am) *Registration[y identification card]* means a document that identifies a certified patient or designated caregiver, as provided under] is defined as set forth in [article]section 3 of the Cannabis Law.~~

~~(am) *Registry application* is defined as set forth in section 3 of the Cannabis Law.~~

(an) *Resealable* means resealable as defined in Part 128 of this Title.

(ao) *School grounds* means school grounds as defined in Part 118 of this Title.

(ap) *Serious adverse event* means one (1) or more of the following outcomes: death, a life-threatening adverse event, inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization, a persistent or significant incapacity or substantial disruption of the ability to conduct normal life functions, or a congenital anomaly/birth defect.

(aq) *Significant presence* means significant presence as defined in [Cannabis Law section 3\(1\)](#).

(ar) *Sole Control* means sole control as defined in Part 118 of this Title.

(as) *Special branding material* means a visual or audio element which shall only be for use in packaging, labeling, marketing, and advertising by certain registered organizations or on certain medical cannabis products including, but not limited to, a designation that a licensee is a social and economic equity licensee. All special branding materials and the brands or products authorized to use such materials shall be defined, made available, and designated for use in guidance.

(at) *Synthetic cannabis additives* means any chemical substances that do not naturally occur in cannabis sativa.

(au) *Synthetic terpenes* means any terpenes that do not naturally occur in cannabis sativa or that are produced and created by chemical synthesis or biosynthesis that changes the molecular structure of a chemical substance to create a terpene that is naturally occurring in cannabis sativa.

(av) *Tamper-evident* means tamper-evident as defined in Part 128 of this Title.

(aw) *True Party of Interest* means true party of interest as defined in this Part 118 of this Title.

(ax) *Use by date* means the date prior to which an opened medical cannabis product meets applicable standards of identity, potency, and quality at the time of use, as determined by appropriate data, subject to any storage conditions stated on the label.

Section 113.2. Practitioner Eligibility

(a) No practitioner shall be authorized to issue a patient certification as set forth in section 113.3 of this Part unless the practitioner:

(1) is qualified, by training or experience as determined by the Board, to treat patients with one (1) or more of the conditions set forth in section 113.3(a)(7) of this Part;

(2) is licensed, registered or certified by New York State to prescribe controlled substances within the state;

(3) is acting within their scope of practice as defined by Title 8 of the Education Law and is in good standing as determined by the Office; and

(4) has completed [at a minimum a two (2) hour]a course approved by the Office as set forth in subdivision (b) of this section.

(b) The Office shall approve at least one (1), if not more, courses for practitioners seeking to certify patients for medical cannabis[, which shall be a minimum of two (2) hours in duration]. The educational content of such course shall include: the pharmacology of cannabis; contraindications; side effects; adverse reactions; overdose prevention; drug interactions; dosing; routes of administration; risks and benefits; warnings and precautions; abuse and dependence; and such other components as determined by the Office.

Section 113.3. Practitioner Issuance of Certification

(a) Requirements for Patient Certification. A practitioner who is eligible pursuant to 113.2 of this Part may issue a certification for the use of medical cannabis by a qualifying patient subject to completion of subdivision (k) of this section. Such certification shall contain:

(1) the practitioner's name, business address, telephone number and email address;

(2) the practitioner's license number as issued by the New York State Department of Education;

(3) the practitioner's Drug Enforcement Administration registration number for prescribing controlled substances in New York State;

(4) a statement that the practitioner is licensed and in good standing in New York State and possesses an active registration with the Drug Enforcement Administration for prescribing controlled substances in New York State;

(5) a statement that the practitioner is caring for the patient in relation to the patient's condition;

(6) the patient's name, date of birth, residential address, telephone number and email address, if available;

(7) the patient's condition, which may include any of the condition(s) listed below:

(i) cancer;

(ii) positive status for human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, provided that the practitioner has obtained the patient's consent for disclosure of this information that meets the requirements set forth in [section 2782 of the Public Health Law](#);

(iii) amyotrophic lateral sclerosis;

(iv) Parkinson's disease;

(v) multiple sclerosis;

(vi) damage to the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity;

(vii) epilepsy;

(viii) inflammatory bowel disease;

(ix) neuropathies;

(x) Huntington's disease;

(xi) post-traumatic stress disorder;

(xii) pain that degrades health and functional capability where the use of medical cannabis is an alternative to opioid use;

(xiii) substance use disorder;

(xiv) Alzheimer's disease;

(xv) muscular dystrophy;

(xvi) dystonia;

(xvii) rheumatoid arthritis;

(xviii) autism; or

(xix) any other condition certified by the practitioner.

(8) a statement that by training or experience, the practitioner is qualified to treat the condition, listed pursuant to paragraph (7) of this subdivision;

(9) a statement that, in the practitioner's professional opinion and review of past treatments, the patient is likely to receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from the primary or adjunctive treatment with medical cannabis for the condition;

(10) any recommendations or limitations the practitioner makes to the certified patient or the patient's designated caregiver;

(11) to the extent that a practitioner seeks to authorize the use of medical cannabis by a patient who temporarily resides in New York State for the purpose of receiving care and treatment from the practitioner, the practitioner shall so state on the patient's certification; and

(12) the practitioner's signature and date upon the certification and a signed certification provided to the patient.

(b) Additional Requirements for Patient Certification where the patient is under the age of eighteen (18) or is otherwise incapable of consent. A practitioner who is eligible pursuant to section 113.2 of this Part may issue a certification for the use of medical cannabis by a qualifying patient, where such a patient is under the age of eighteen (18) or is otherwise incapable of consent, subject to completion of subdivision (a) and (k) of this section and such additional information on the

certification as follows:

(1) an attestation that the practitioner obtained a statement from the person responsible for making health care decisions that they are:

(i) legally authorized to make health care decisions on behalf of the patient under the age of eighteen (18) or otherwise incapable of consent;

(ii) consenting on the patient's behalf, the use of medical cannabis product(s) and any device used for its administration; and

(iii) identifying the designated caregiver for the patient under the age of eighteen (18) or otherwise incapable of consent, including such designated caregiver's full name, address, date of birth, telephone number and email address, if available; and

(2) the designated caregiver identified in subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (1) of this section shall be exempt from the requirements set forth in section 113.5 of this Part.

(c) The practitioner shall provide the signed certification to the certified patient, [the certified patient's designated caregiver](#), or for those individuals under the age of eighteen (18) or incapable of consent, the person responsible for making healthcare decisions pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of this section.

(d) The designated caregiver who is identified in accordance with section 113.3(b) of this Part, shall be deemed registered with the Office.

(e) Should the person responsible for making health care decisions identified in accordance with section 113.3(b) of this Part or the parent or legal guardian in accordance with [Cannabis Law Section 32\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) decide to change or elect to add

additional designated caregiver(s), such designated caregiver must comply with the registration requirements of section 113.5 of this Part.

(f) Should the person responsible for making health care decisions identified in accordance with section 113.3(b) of this Part or the parent or legal guardian in accordance with [Cannabis Law Section 32\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) decide to change the designated caregiver identified in section 113.3(b)(1)(iii) of this Part, they shall notify the practitioner to update the requirements set forth in section 113.3 of this Part.

[\(g\) Requirements of Patient Special Certification. The practitioner may issue a special certification if the patient's condition is progressive and degenerative or that delay in the patient's certified medical use of cannabis poses a risk to the patient's life or health. Such certification shall be on a form provided by the Office and shall contain the requirements set forth in subdivision \(a\) of this section.\]](#)

[\(h\)g\) Expiration of Certification](#)

[\(1\) The certification shall state the date upon which the certification shall expire, pursuant to the following: \[which shall be no longer than one \(1\) year after the date it was issued, unless the patient is terminally ill.\]](#)

[\(2\) \(1\) \[If t\]The practitioner may state on the certification that the patient is terminally ill and \[issues a certification to a patient who is terminally ill,\] the certification shall not expire until the patient's death or the practitioner re-issues the certification to terminate the certification on an earlier date.](#)

[\(3\) \(2\) If the practitioner issues a certification to a patient who is not a resident of New York State but is receiving care and treatment in \[this\] New York \[s\]State, the certification shall be valid for a period of time which is no longer than the patient is reasonably anticipated to be residing in New York State for the purposes of care and treatment, but in no event shall it be valid for more than one \[\(1\)\] year after the date it was issued.](#)

[\(3\) Any certification other than those described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subdivision shall expire two years after the date the certification is signed by the practitioner. The practitioner may state in the certification that, in the practitioner's professional opinion, the patient would benefit from medical cannabis only until a specified earlier date upon which the certification shall expire.](#)

(4) A practitioner may reissue any certification under this subdivision to terminate the certification on a date earlier than stated on the original certification.

(i) Submission of Certification to the Office. Practitioners shall utilize a form, which may be in an electronic format, developed by the Office for the certification required in subdivision (a) of this section. The practitioner shall submit to the Office, the information required by subdivision (a) of this section, in a manner determined by the Office, including by electronic transmission through a secure website.

(j) Record Retention. The practitioner shall also maintain a copy of the signed certification, which shall include all information required in subdivision (a) of this section, and for those under the age of eighteen (18) or incapable of consent, all the additional information required in subdivision (b) of this section, for a period of five (5) years, in the patient's medical record.

(k) Provision of Electronic Code. The practitioner shall provide a quick response (QR) code to the certified patient or their designated caregiver to present to a registered organization to obtain medical cannabis or medical cannabis products from a registered organization. The QR code shall link to the Medical Cannabis Data Management System, or any successor state database.

Section 113.4. Registration Filing Exemptions for Certified Patients and Designated Caregivers

(a) A patient issued a valid certification by a practitioner, in accordance with section 113.3 of this Part, who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and capable of consent, shall be deemed registered and exempt from filing a registry application with the Office, for purpose of registering as a patient and to obtain a patient [registry identification card] registration, pursuant to the applicable patient registration provisions and pursuant to [section 32 of the Cannabis Law](#).

(b) A patient, who is under eighteen (18) years of age, or who is otherwise incapable of consenting to medical treatment, and who is issued a valid certification by a practitioner in accordance with section 113.3 of this Part, shall

be deemed registered and exempt from filing a registry application with the Office, for purpose of registering as a patient and to obtain a patient [\[registry identification card\]registration](#), pursuant to the applicable patient registration provisions under [section 32 of the Cannabis Law](#).

Section 113.5. Designated Caregiver Registration

(a) Designation of Caregivers. A certified patient may designate up to five (5) designated caregivers, not including designated caregiver facilities or the employees of a designated caregiver facility, in a manner determined by the Office. A designated caregiver shall be a natural person. The application for issuance or renewal of a [\[registry identification card\] designated caregiver registration](#) shall include the following information:

(1) name of the proposed designated caregiver(s);

(2) address of the proposed designated caregiver(s);

(3) date of birth of the proposed designated caregiver(s); and

(4) any other individual identifying information concerning the proposed designated caregiver(s) required by the Office.

(b) Notwithstanding a designation in accordance section 113.3(b) of this Part, a certified patient's designation of caregivers subsequent to the initial certification process shall not be valid unless and until the proposed designated caregiver successfully applies for and receives a designated caregiver registry identification number.

(c) A natural person selected by a certified patient as a designated caregiver shall apply to the Office for initial registration or renewal of such registration on a form or in a manner determined by the Office. The proposed designated caregiver shall submit an application to the Office which shall contain the following information

and documentation:

(1) the full name, address, date of birth, telephone number, email address if available, and signature of the designated caregiver applying for registration;

(2) a statement that the designated caregiver applying for registration agrees to secure and ensure proper handling of all medical cannabis products;

(3) acknowledgement that a false statement in the application is punishable under [section 210.45 of the Penal Law](#).

(d) For a proposed designated caregiver facility as defined in section 113.1 of this Part, the designated caregiver facility shall submit:

(1) the facility's full name, address, operating certificate or license number where appropriate, email address, and printed name, title, and signature of an authorized facility representative;

(2) if the facility has a prior designated caregiver facility registration, the registry identification number;

(3) a statement that the facility agrees to secure and ensure proper handling of all medical cannabis products; and

(4) an acknowledgement that a false statement in the application is punishable under [section 210.45 of the Penal Law](#);

(e) For a proposed designated caregiver that is a cannabis research license holder under Article 3 of the Cannabis Law, the designated caregiver shall submit;

(1) the full name of the research license holder, address, research license number, email address, and the name, title and signature of an authorized representative of the research license holder;

(2) if the research license holder already is a designated caregiver in accordance with this section, such license holder shall provide the registry identification number;

(3) a statement that the research license holder agrees to secure and ensure proper handling of all medical cannabis products;

(4) an acknowledgement that a false statement in the application is punishable under [section 210.45 of the Penal Law](#); and

(5) any other identifying information as determined by the Office;

(f) Prior to issuing or renewing a designated caregiver registration, the Office may verify the information submitted by the proposed designated caregiver. The proposed designated caregiver shall provide, at the Office's request, such information and documentation, including any consents or authorizations that may be necessary for the Office to verify the information.

(g) The Office shall approve, deny, or determine incomplete or inaccurate an application to issue or renew a designated caregiver registration as soon as is reasonably practicable.

(h) The Office shall notify the designated caregiver applicant in writing, by email, by telephone, or in another manner as determined appropriate by the Office if an application is incomplete or factually inaccurate and shall explain what documents or information is necessary for the Office to consider the application

complete and accurate.

(i) A designated caregiver applicant shall have thirty (30) days from the date of a notification of an incomplete or factually inaccurate application to submit the materials required to complete, revise or substantiate information in the application. If the designated caregiver applicant fails to submit the required materials within such thirty (30) day time period, the application shall be denied by the Office.

(j) Designated caregiver applicants whose applications are denied pursuant to subdivision (f) of this section may submit a new initial or renewal application for a designated caregiver registration.

(k) The Office shall deny a designated caregiver registration for a designated caregiver applicant who:

(1) is already a designated caregiver for four (4) currently certified patients or has an application pending that, if approved, would cause the proposed designated caregiver to be a designated caregiver for more than four (4) currently certified patients. This provision does not apply to designated caregiver facilities or research license holders as defined in section 113.1 of this Part; or

(2) in accordance with subdivision (e) of this section, fails to provide complete or factually accurate information in support of their initial or renewal application.

Section 113.6. Application for Initial Registration as a Registered Organization

(a) No person shall produce, grow, or sell medical cannabis or hold itself out as a New York State registered organization unless it has complied with Article 3 of

the Cannabis Law, this Part, and is registered by the Board.

(1) An application for initial registration as a registered organization shall state the planned activities of the registered organization, and include no more than four dispensing sites that will be wholly owned and operated by such registered organization in accordance with [section 35 of the Cannabis Law](#).

(2) Additional dispensing sites beyond the initial four shall be subject to the requirements set forth in subdivision (h) of section 113.7 of this Part.

(b) In order to operate as a registered organization, an entity shall file an application on forms or in a manner prescribed by the Board. The application shall be signed by the chief executive officer duly authorized by the board of a corporate registered organization applicant, or a general partner or owner of a proprietary registered organization applicant. The application shall set forth or be accompanied by the following:

(1) the name, address, phone and email address of the registered organization applicant;

(2) identification of all real property, buildings and facilities that will be used in manufacturing, as defined in section 113.1 of this Part, or dispensing of the medical cannabis products, including confirmation that the real property, buildings and facilities used for dispensing shall comply with all measuring requirements as described in section 119.4 of this Title, as applicable.

(3) identification of cultivation tier and type, pursuant to section 120.3 of this Title, as applicable;

(4) identification of equipment, as determined by the board in the application, that will be used to carry out any manufacturing, processing, transportation, distributing, sale or dispensing activities;

(5) a business plan that includes a description of the activities, authorized by article 3 of the Cannabis Law, to be conducted by the registered organization applicant. In addition, the plan shall include a description detailing how the registered organization applicant proposes to provide services to areas of the state, unserved or underserved as, in accordance with [section 35 of the Cannabis Law](#); a description containing details of how the registered organization applicant proposes: to be reflective of the demographics of the state, to be representative of communities disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition, as set forth in guidance by the office. Unless waived by the board, the plan shall include, to the satisfaction of the board, the following information, in a format specified on the application;

(i) executive summary;

(ii) entity description;

(iii) description of the medical cannabis products and devices to be offered or sold;

(iv) services to be offered by the registered organization applicant;

(v) market analysis demonstrating a need for the dispensing sites proposed; and

(vi) any other information requested by the office.

(6) a standard operating procedure manual for all proposed manufacturing activities. Manufacturing procedures shall include use of good agricultural practices (GAPs) for cultivation, as well as good manufacturing practices (GMPs) in accordance with Parts 111 or 117 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as appropriate for the type of medical cannabis product being

manufactured and as otherwise determined appropriate by the Office. All procedures must conform to all applicable state rules, regulations, and laws as amended. In addition to all proposed manufacturing activities, standard operating procedures must address:

(i) medical cannabis product returns;

(ii) complaints;

(iii) adverse events, with notification to the Office within 24 hours of any serious adverse events;

(iv) recalls;

(v) storage and disposal of cannabis and any medical cannabis product not meeting testing requirements set forth in section 113.15 of this Part;

(vi) sampling and transport to a permitted cannabis laboratory for testing;
and

(vii) any other procedures as determined by the Office.

(7) quality assurance program with quality assurance officer oversight, including but not limited to plans to detect, identify and prevent manufacturing and dispensing incidents, to track contamination incidents and document the source of such incidents, and to conduct corrective action for these incidents;

(8) description of systems to be used for tracking, record keeping, record

retention and reporting surveillance relating to all activities involving medical cannabis;

(9) an attestation that the registered organization applicant will submit seed to sale data from their system of record to the Office in a format as determined by the Office;

(10) copies of the organizational and operational documents of the registered organization applicant, including but not limited to, as applicable: organizational charts, capitalization tables, certificate of incorporation, partnership agreement, and any other documents and/or agreements requested by the Office;

(11) the name, residence address and title of each of the true parties of interest of the registered organization applicant, with the exception of any passive investors of a publicly traded company with less than or equal to 5% current ownership or future right to ownership, or shareholders in a privately-held company with less than or equal to 10% current ownership or future right to ownership. Each such person (if an individual, or lawful representative, if a legal entity) shall submit an affidavit with the application setting forth:

(i) any position of management, interest or ownership during the preceding ten (10) years of a ten (10) percent or greater interest in any other cannabis business, or registered organization applicant, located in or outside New York State, manufacturing or distributing drugs including indirect management, interest, or ownership of parent companies, subsidiaries, or affiliates;

(ii) whether such person or any such business has been convicted of a felony or had a registration or license suspended or revoked in any administrative or judicial proceeding, and if applicable, the history of violations or administrative penalties with respect to any license to cultivate, manufacture, distribute or sell adult-use cannabis or medical cannabis. In addition, any true parties of interest, not including passive investors, and managers who are a member of the registered organization applicant or entity that is a member of the registered organization applicant who may

come in contact with or handle medical cannabis, including medical cannabis products, shall be subject to a fingerprinting process as part of a criminal history background check in compliance with the procedures established by Division of Criminal Justice Services and submission of the applicable fee; and

(iii) any other disclosure so required by the office.

(12) documentation that the registered organization applicant has entered into a labor peace agreement, as required by [section 35](#) of Article 3 of the Cannabis Law, with a bona-fide labor organization that is actively engaged in representing or attempting to represent the registered organization applicant's employees prior to the issuance of the registration. The maintenance of such a labor peace agreement shall be an ongoing material condition of registration;

(13) a statement that the registered organization applicant shall comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations relating to the activities in which it intends to engage under the registration;

(14) copies of all applicable executed and proposed deeds, leases, and rental agreements or executed option contracts related to the organization's real property interests, that shows that the registered organization applicant possesses or has the right to use sufficient land, buildings, and other premises as specified in the application and equipment to properly carry on the activities for which registration is sought. In the alternative, the registered organization applicant shall post a bond of not less than \$2 million; provided, however, that if the registered organization applicant posts a bond in lieu of providing the documentation requested herein, the registered organization applicant's submission of the applicable executed deeds, leases and rental agreements shall be required prior to the issuance of a registration to the registered organization applicant, if selected; In accordance with the social-equity plan established pursuant to [section 87 of the Cannabis Law](#), the board may waive such requirements when the registered organization applicant is a social and economic equity applicant, provided, however, that prior to issuance of the registration, the registered organization applicant must submit to the office, copies of all applicable executed and proposed deeds, leases, and rental agreements or executed option contracts related to the organization's real

property interests, and, provided further that whenever any registered organization applicant proposes to lease a premises for the activities described in its operating plan, the lease agreement shall clearly set forth as a purpose the manufacturing and/or dispensing of medical cannabis, as applicable, and include the following language:

“The landlord acknowledges that its rights of reentry into the premises set forth in this lease do not confer on it the authority to manufacture or dispense on the premises medical cannabis in accordance with Article 3 of the Cannabis Law and agrees to provide the New York State Office of Cannabis Management with notification by certified mail, to its principal office, of its intent to reenter the premises or to initiate dispossession proceedings or that the lease is due to expire, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date on which the landlord intends to exercise a right of reentry or to initiate such proceedings or at least sixty (60) days before expiration of the lease.”;

(15) a financial statement setting forth all elements and details of any business transactions connected with the application, including but not limited to all agreements and contracts for consultation or arranging for the assistance in preparing the application;

(16) a proposed construction timetable;

(17) a statement as to whether the registered organization applicant, any controlling person of the registered organization applicant, any manager, any sole proprietor registered organization applicant, any general partner of a partnership applicant, any officer and member of the board of directors of a corporate applicant, and corporate general partner had a prior discharge in bankruptcy or was found insolvent in any court action;

(18) all proposed or executed contracts, term sheets, agreements, or side letters between the applicant or its true parties of interest of the applicant and a goods and services provider, other than those agreements delineated as exempt agreements under section 124.3 of this Title and any non-exempt goods and services agreement for a flat fee.

(19) if the registered organization applicant is a true party of interest of another corporation, disclosure of the parent or affiliate corporation including the name and address of the parent or affiliate, the primary activities of the parent or affiliate, the interest in the registered organization applicant held by the parent or affiliate and the extent to which the parent will be responsible for the financial and contractual obligations of the subsidiary;

(20) the most recent certified financial statement of the registered organization applicant, audited by an independent certified public accountant and prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applied on a consistent basis, including a balance sheet as of the end of the registered organization applicant's last fiscal year and income statements for the past two (2) fiscal years, or such shorter period of time as the registered organization applicant has been in operation;

(21) an environmental sustainability program plan for medical cannabis product packaging, which may include, but is not limited to, strategies to collect reusable medical cannabis packaging components, sustainable packaging strategies that use non-plastic, compostable or recyclable materials, or packaging materials exceeding 25% post-consumer recycled content; and

(22) any other information as may be required by the office, including by not limited to, information relating to any holder of any shares or interest in the applicant.

(c) An application under this section may be amended while the application is pending before the Board, if approved by the Board upon good cause shown.

(d) The registered organization applicant shall verify the truth and accuracy of the information contained in the application. The Board, in its discretion, may reject an application if it determines that information contained therein is not true and accurate.

(e) A registered organization applicant and registered organization shall have an obligation to ensure that the information, documentation, attestations, and assurances submitted to the Office are not fraudulent, false, or misleading.

(f) The information furnished in an application and in any supplemental statement related thereto shall be presumed correct and shall be binding upon a registered organization as if correct. All information furnished in an application or supplemental statement shall be deemed material in:

(1) any prosecution for perjury;

(2) any proceeding to suspend, cancel or revoke a registration or impose a fee or other penalty; and

(3) the approval or denial of a registration.

(g) A registered organization applicant shall identify any conflict of interest, including, without limitation, any relationship or affiliation of the registered organization applicant, or its true parties of interest, that currently exists with any member, employee, consultant or agent of the office or the board. The conflict of interest may be actual or perceived. If any conflict of interest should arise during the term of the application process, the registered organization applicant shall notify the office in writing of such conflict.

(h) Only complete applications may be processed. The processing of an application shall not constitute an acknowledgment that the requirements of the Cannabis Law and this subchapter have been satisfied.

Section 113.7. Consideration of Registered Organization Applications

(a) Registered organization applicants for approval to operate as registered

organizations shall submit an application to the Office, containing the information required in section 113.6 of this Part, in a manner and format determined by the Board.

(b) Applications, as well as renewal applications, shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee in the amount of \$10,000 unless the Board determines otherwise due to the nature and scope, or size of the activities for which the registered organization is applying.

(c) The registration fee for the registration period, as well as any renewal registration period, shall be \$200,000, unless the Board determines otherwise due to the nature and scope, or size of the activities for which the registered organization is applying.

(d) Registered organization applicants granted a registration shall immediately submit the registration fee by certified check, or another method approved by the board. The board shall deliver such registration upon receipt of the registration fee. For renewal purposes, the renewal period shall be calculated from the date the registration was granted.

(e) In deciding whether to grant an application for registration or amendment to a registration, the Board shall consider whether:

(1) the registered organization applicant will be able to manufacture medical cannabis products, each with a consistent phytocannabinoid profile (the concentration of total tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and total cannabidiol (CBD) will define the product) and each able to pass the required quality control testing;

(2) the registered organization applicant will produce sufficient quantities of medical cannabis products as necessary to meet the needs of certified patients;

(3) the registered organization applicant will be able to maintain effective

control against diversion of cannabis, medical cannabis, and medical cannabis products;

(4) the registered organization applicant is able to comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations;

(5) the registered organization applicant is ready, willing and able to properly carry on the activities set forth in this Part;

(6) the registered organization applicant possesses or has the right to use sufficient real property, buildings and equipment to properly carry on the activity described in its operating plan;

(7) it is in the public interest that such registration be granted including:

(i) whether the number of registered organizations in an area will be adequate to reasonably serve the area, including whether there is sufficient geographic distribution across the state;

(ii) whether the registered organization applicant is a minority owned business, woman owned business enterprise (or both), a service-disabled veteran-owned business, or from communities disproportionately impacted as those terms are defined in [section 87 of the Cannabis Law](#) and as determined by the Board;

(iii) whether the registered organization provides education and outreach to practitioners;

(iv) whether the registered organization promotes the research and development of medical cannabis and patient outreach;

(v) the affordability of medical cannabis products offered by the registered organization;

(vi) whether the registered organization is culturally, linguistically, and medically competent to provide services to unserved and underserved areas;

(vii) whether the registered organization is reflective of the demographics of the state, and representative of communities disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition;

(viii) whether the registered organization promotes racial, ethnic and gender diversity in their workforce; and

(ix) whether the registered organization minimizes or eliminates adverse environmental impacts, including but not limited to water energy and water usage, carbon emissions, waste, pollutants, and single-use plastics, and complies with the energy and environmental regulations set forth in section 113.26 of this Part;

(8) the board members, officers, managers, owners, partners, principal stakeholders, directors, and members of the applicant's organization are of good moral character and competent to perform the duties of a registrant, including but not limited to consideration of any enforcement action or investigation against any of these individuals or related entities in another jurisdiction;

(9) the registered organization applicant has entered into a labor peace agreement with a bona-fide labor organization, as defined in Article 1 of the Cannabis Law, that is actively engaged in representing or attempting to represent the registered organization applicant's employees;

(10) upon evaluation, the registered organization applicant's proposed business plan and proposed manufacturing and dispensing sites, including but not limited to the location and construction timeline for the proposed facilities are found to be suitable to meet the needs of the program; and

(11) the registered organization applicant and its board members, officers, managers, owners, partners, principal stakeholders, directors, and members of the applicant's organization have any history of administrative violations or disciplinary actions taken against them by any regulatory or licensing authority in any jurisdiction during the past five (5) years.

(f) The registered organization applicant shall allow reasonable access to the Office or its authorized representatives for the purpose of conducting an on-site survey or inspection of the applicant's proposed manufacturing or dispensing sites.

(g) If the office is not satisfied that the registered organization applicant should be issued a registration, the office shall notify the registered organization applicant in writing of those factors upon which further evidence is required.

(h) Upon application to the board, a registered organization's registration may be amended to allow the registered organization to relocate within the state or to add or delete permitted registered organization activities or facilities. The board shall consider whether to grant or deny the application for amendment of the registration utilizing the criteria set forth in subdivision (e) of this section. The fee for such amendment review shall be \$2,000. A registered organization may apply to add additional dispensing sites; provided that:

(1) the registered organization's first four dispensing sites are operational;

(2) the first two additional dispensing sites shall be located in underserved or unserved geographic locations, as determined by the Board, and shall be operational before consideration will be given for the remaining two dispensing sites; and

(3) a fee is received for each new dispensing facility application of \$2,000.

(i) Registrations issued shall be valid for two (2) years from the date of issuance.

Section 113.8. Applications for Renewal of Registration as Registered Organization

(a) An application to renew any registration issued under this Part shall be filed with the Office not more than six (6) months nor less than four (4) months prior to the expiration thereof. If a renewal application is not filed at least four (4) months prior to the expiration thereof, the Board may determine that the registration shall have expired and become void on such expiration date.

(b) Applications shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee and a registration fee as set forth in section 113.7 of this Part, made by certified check. Only applications completed in accordance with this Part as determined by the Board and for which the application and registration fees have been submitted shall be considered if submitted in a timely manner. The registration fee shall be returned to the registered organization applicant if the registered organization applicant is not granted a renewal registration under this section.

(c) The application for renewal shall include such information prepared in the manner and detail as the Board may require, including but not limited to:

(1) any material change(s) as determined by the Office in the information, circumstances or factors listed in section 113.6 of this Part;

(2) every known complaint, charge or investigation, pending or concluded during the period of the registration, by any governmental or administrative agency with respect to:

(i) each incident or alleged incidence involving the theft, loss, or possible diversion of medical cannabis manufactured, distributed, or dispensed by the registered organization; and

(ii) compliance by the registered organization applicant with local or state laws, or regulations of the Board, including but not limited to, with respect to any controlled substance listed in [section 3306 of the Public Health Law](#); and

(3) information concerning the registered organization applicant's ability to carry on the activity for which it is registered, including but not limited to, medical cannabis product shortages or wait lists occurring during the registration period;

(4) a summary of quality assurance testing for all medical cannabis products produced in the prior year, including but not limited to, the percentage of lots of each product passing all required testing, the percentage of lots failing contaminant testing, the percentage of lots failing product requirements, all recalls of product lots and all adverse events reported;

(5) an updated environmental sustainability packaging program plan and a report of key metrics including, but not limited to, the total amount of packaging material, by weight, sold, offered for sale, or distributed into the state by the registered organization during the renewal period and the total costs of packaging material; and

(6) disclosure of true parties of interest, as required by the board.

(d) The Board shall consider applications for renewal in accordance with the criteria set forth in section 113.7 of this Part.

(e) If the Board determines that the registered organization applicant's registration should not be renewed, the Board shall serve upon the registered

organization applicant or their attorney of record, in person or by registered or certified mail, an order directing the registered organization applicant to show cause why their application for renewal should not be denied. The order shall specify in detail the ways in which the registered organization applicant has not satisfied the requirements for renewal.

(1) Within ten (10) business days of receipt of such an order, the registered organization applicant may submit additional material to the Board or demand a hearing, or both. If a hearing is demanded, the Board shall fix a date as soon as reasonably practicable.

(2) If the registered organization applicant fails to submit additional material to the Board within ten (10) business days as requested, and the registered organization applicant does not demand a hearing within such time period, the application for renewal of registration shall be denied.

(f) If a registered organization's application for renewal of registration is denied, the registered organization shall submit a proposed plan for closure in accordance with subdivision (c) paragraph (2) of section 113.11 of this Part.

Section 113.9. Registrations Non-transferable

(a) Registrations issued under this Part shall be effective only for the registered organization and shall specify:

(1) the name and address of the registered organization;

(2) name of the contact person for the registered organization;

(3) the activities the registered organization is permitted to perform under the registration for each approved location; and

(4) the real property, buildings and facilities that may be used for the permitted activities of the registered organization.

(b) Registrations are not transferable or assignable, including, without limitation, to another registered organization.

(c) Registered organizations shall have a continuing duty to provide the office with up-to-date contact information and shall notify the office in writing of any amendments or changes in compliance with the provisions set forth in Part 120.18 of this Title.

Section 113.10. Failure to Operate

(a) A registration shall be surrendered to the Board upon written notice and demand if the registered organization fails to begin operations, to the satisfaction of the Board, of a manufacturing or dispensing site within the six (6) months of the date of issuance of the registration.

(b) A registered organization who is required to surrender its registration in accordance with this section shall not be entitled to any refund of fees paid to the Office.

Section 113.11. Registered Organizations; General Requirements

(a) In addition to the requirements in Cannabis Law and as otherwise set forth in this Part, a registered organization shall:

(1) make its books, records, manufacturing and dispensing site architectural and engineering design drawings, including a description of energy sources, type and location of engineering systems in use for heating, cooling, ventilation

and electrical distribution, water supply and sewage, policies and procedures, and manufacturing and dispensing sites, available to the office or its authorized representatives within 48 hours of notice, except during unannounced inspections where such information shall be available to the Office immediately upon request during the unannounced inspection, for monitoring, on-site inspection, and audit purposes, including but not limited to periodic inspections or evaluations of facilities, methods, procedures, materials, staff and equipment to assess compliance with requirements set forth in Article 3 of the Cannabis Law and this Part. The operating plan and inventory tracking data must be onsite and readily accessible at each facility at all times;

(2) only manufacture and dispense medical cannabis products in New York State in accordance with Article 3 of the Cannabis Law and this Part;

(3) only dispense medical cannabis products in an indoor, enclosed, secure facility located in New York State;

(4) submit medical cannabis product(s), samples and manufacturing materials to the Office upon request;

(5) retain a subset of each lot of medical cannabis product to allow for testing in the future if requested by the Office. The retained samples shall:

(i) be stored unopened as indicated on the label and in the original packaging;

(ii) be readily identifiable as belonging to its specific lot; and

(iii) be a representative quantity to allow for complete testing of the product at least two times and shall be retained by the registered organization for at least 30 days following the date of expiration.

(6) implement policies and procedures to notify the Office within twenty-four (24) hours of the following:

(i) any serious adverse events;

(ii) any incident involving theft, loss or possible diversion of medical cannabis products;

(iii) any suspected or known security breach or other facility event that may compromise public health and/or safety, or which requires response by public safety personnel or law enforcement;

(iv) any recalls; and

(v) any vehicle accidents or incidents occurring during transport of medical cannabis products.

(7) within ten (10) days of the occurrence of one of the above events, the registered organization shall submit a complete written incident report to the Office detailing the circumstances of the event, any corrective actions taken, and where applicable, confirmation that appropriate law enforcement authorities were notified.

(8) quarantine any lot of medical cannabis product as directed by the Office, and not transport, distribute, dispense or destroy such lot unless prior approval is obtained from the Office;

(9) dispose of unusable medical cannabis products that have failed laboratory testing or any cannabis used in the manufacturing process pursuant to section

113.25 of this Part;

(10) maintain records required by Article 3 of the Cannabis Law and this Part for a period of five (5) years, unless otherwise stated, and make such records available to the Office upon request. Such records shall include:

(i) documentation, including lot numbers where applicable, of all materials used in the manufacturing of the medical cannabis product to allow tracking of the materials, including but not limited to any hemp or hemp extract used, soil, soil amendment, nutrients, hydroponic materials, fertilizers, growth promoters, pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides;

(ii) cultivation, manufacturing, packaging and labeling production records; and

(iii) laboratory testing results.

(11) post the certificate of registration issued by the Office in a conspicuous location on the premises of each manufacturing facility and dispensing site;

(12) amend its operating plan as directed by the Office;

(13) provide all employees with adequate training and proper safety equipment where necessary; and

(14) implement procedures to notify the Office if the dispensing site closes during its normal hours of operation, the reason for the closure, and when the dispensing site is expected to resume normal hours of operation.

(15) implement policies and procedures for off-line dispensing of medical cannabis to patients in the event of a technological failure.

(16) maintain a staffing plan for staff involved in activities related to the cultivation of cannabis, the manufacturing or dispensing of medical cannabis products or staff with oversight responsibilities for such activities, which shall include:

(i) a senior staff member with a minimum of one (1) year experience in good agricultural practices (GAP) at each cultivation facility;

(ii) a quality assurance officer who shall exercise oversight of the organization's practices and procedures and who has documented training and experience in quality assurance and quality control procedures;

(iii) a requirement that all staff be 18 years of age or older. Any employee 18 years of age or older and under 21 years of age may not have direct interaction with certified patients inside a registered organization's dispensing site;

(iv) a requirement that all staff involved in the manufacturing of medical cannabis be trained in and conform to general sanitary practices; and

(v) policies and procedures to ensure that the registered organization shall not be managed by or employ anyone who has been convicted within three years of the date of hire, of any felony related to the functions or duties of operating a business, unless the office determines that the manager or employee is otherwise suitable to be hired as set forth in subdivision 7 of section 34 of article 3, or [section 137 of the Cannabis Law](#);

(b) Registered organizations registered under article 3 of the Cannabis Law shall not:

- (1) concurrently hold a license under article 4 of the Cannabis Law;

- (2) sell adult-use cannabis or cannabis products to any licensee under article 4 of the Cannabis Law;

- (3) dispense medical cannabis products from the same location where the cannabis is grown or manufactured, except for the operation of home delivery services where the operation of such services is conducted in compliance with the requirements of section 113.13 of this Part;

- (4) grow cannabis or produce medical cannabis at any site other than a facility or site approved by the office as set forth in the registered organization's registration;

- (5) make substantial alterations to the structure or architectural design of a manufacturing or dispensing site, for which the office is authorized to issue guidance to further clarify what substantial alterations may mean, without prior written approval of the office;

- (6) make the following modifications to a registered facility:
 - (i) change the location without prior approval of the board; or

 - (ii) expand or reduce the size of a registered facility without prior written approval of the office;

- (7) locate a dispensing site in violation of Part 119.4 of this Title in violation of Part 119.4 of this Title¹; or

(8) change the name of the registered organization, including the name by which the organization does business, without receipt of prior written approval of the office.

(c) In the event that a registered organization elects to cease operation of all permitted activities and surrender its registration, the registered organization shall:

(1) notify the Office in writing at least 120 days prior to the anticipated date of closure of the manufacturing and each dispensing site.

(2) include a proposed plan for closure in the written notice. The plan shall be subject to Office approval in accordance with Office protocols, and shall include timetables and describe the procedures and actions the registered organization shall take to:

(i) notify affected certified patients and designated caregivers of the closure;

(ii) properly destroy, transfer or otherwise dispose of all the registered organization's supply of cannabis and medical cannabis products in accordance with the requirements set forth in section 113.25 of this Part;

(iii) maintain and make available to the Office all records required to be maintained under this Part for a period of five (5) years; and

(iv) maintain compliance with these regulations and any other conditions required by the Office until the approved closure date;

(3) The registered organization shall take no action to close a manufacturing or dispensing site prior to Office approval of the plan for closure; and

(4) The registered organization's failure to notify the Office of intent to cease any operations, failure to submit an approvable plan, and/or to execute the approved plan may result in the imposition of civil penalties, not to exceed \$2,000, and shall be a basis for the Board to revoke the registration of the registered organization under such terms as the Board determines is appropriate based on public health and safety considerations. In addition, the Office reserves the right to exercise any other remedies available to it.

(d) Registered organizations shall comply with all requirements for worker health and safety standards in accordance with Part 125.6 of this Title.

Section 113.12. Manufacturing Requirements for Medical Cannabis Products

(a) Requirements for extraction. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Office, a registered organization may only use the methods, equipment, solvents, gases and mediums set forth in this section when creating cannabis extracts and only in a manner exhibiting minimal potential for human health related toxicity.

(1) All extraction processes and activities must:

(i) be conducted by employees adequately trained in the operation of the extraction equipment to be utilized, as well as the emergency plan for incidents;

(ii) demonstrate control of all sources of ignition, and occur in a spark-free environment where appropriate for the type of extraction method used;

(iii) ensure proper ventilation;

(iv) have ongoing equipment monitoring and maintain a record of regular maintenance of equipment based on equipment specifications;

(v) follow all applicable fire, safety and building codes, regulations, laws and guidance in the use and storage of solvents, including but not limited to, maximum quantities to be held onsite;

(vi) evidence the purity of any chemical solvents used and make any laboratory testing results or other documentation evidencing such purity and shall make such evidence readily available to employees and to the office upon request.

(2) Unless a registered organization obtains prior written approval from the Office, extraction shall only be conducted using the following methods:

(i) use of mechanical extraction methods, such as screens or presses, or heat, steam distillation, ice water and other methods without employing solvents or gases;

(ii) use of a professional grade, closed-loop CO₂ gas extraction system that is of a supply equivalent to food or beverage grade of at least 99.5 percent purity;

(iii) Ethanol, provided that all ethanol used shall be of a grade that meets or exceeds specifications of official compendiums as defined in [section 321 of Title 21 of the United States Code \(USC\)](#);

(iv) use of a volatile solvent or hydrocarbon extraction method, provided that the method:

(a) utilizes a commercial, professional grade closed-loop system designed to recover the solvent;

(b) utilizes the following permissible volatile solvent-based or hydrocarbon extraction substances, which must be accompanied by laboratory testing results which establishes that said substances have a minimum purity level of 99 percent:

(1) Butane;

(2) Propane;

(3) A different volatile solvent or hydrocarbon with prior written approval by the Office prior to use;

(c) In addition, for all proposed volatile solvent based or hydrocarbon extraction, a registered organization shall submit to the Office, prior to receiving approval to commence extraction operations, documentation which demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Office, the following additional requirements for all designated extraction equipment, rooms, or other areas where volatile solvents used for extraction are handled or stored:

(1) final certification letter from a licensed professional engineer or registered architect which certifies the completed installation of a professionally designed, commercially manufactured extraction system, that is compliant with all applicable state or local fire, safety or building codes;

(2) a letter or equivalent document as determined by the Office from

the municipal jurisdiction's fire marshal, local building code authority, or its equivalent, stating that the facility is approved to conduct the proposed activities and that the registered organization has demonstrated compliance with all applicable fire codes and/or regulations; and

(3) a certificate of occupancy, or equivalent document, from the local building official that all permits for extraction related rooms or areas have been closed as applicable.

(b) A registered organization shall only produce medical cannabis products according to the following requirements:

(1) each medical cannabis product, in its final form, shall be defined as having a specific concentration of total Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and total Cannabidiol (CBD) and shall have a consistent phytocannabinoid profile. The concentration of the following phytocannabinoids, at a minimum, must be reported:

(i) tetrahydrocannabinol (THC);

(ii) tetrahydrocannabinol acid (THCA);

(iii) cannabidiol (CBD);

(iv) cannabinadiolic acid (CBDA);

(v) any other marketed phytocannabinoid;

(vi) any other phytocannabinoid component at > 0.2 percent of the phytocannabinoid profile; and

(vii) terpenoid content.

(2) the final medical cannabis product shall not contain less than ninety (90) percent, nor more than 110 percent, of the concentration of total THC or total CBD, as indicated on the label. However:

(i) where the total THC concentration is less than five (5) milligrams per dose, the concentration of total THC shall be within 0.5 milligrams per dose;

(ii) where the total CBD concentration is less than five (5) milligrams per dose, the concentration of total CBD shall be within 0.5 milligrams per dose; and

(3) except for flower products, be homogenous, with phytocannabinoid content evenly distributed throughout the cannabis product; unless otherwise approved by the office, the concentration of total THC and CBD in milligrams per single dose for any sample of a product submitted for testing must be within twenty-five (25) percent of the mean concentration of total THC and CBD in milligrams per single dose for that submitted lot with the exception that, for products with a specified total THC and CBD concentration less than two (2) milligrams per single dose, the concentration of each sample for that low concentration phytocannabinoid shall be within 0.5 milligrams per dose of the mean concentration.

(4) the registered organization shall offer and make available to patients at least one (1) medical cannabis product that has a low THC and a high CBD content (e.g., a 1:20 ratio of THC to CBD);

(5) the registered organization shall offer and make available at least one (1)

medical cannabis product that has approximately equal amounts of THC and CBD;

(6) for each medical cannabis product offered, the registered organization shall utilize a name that complies with the requirements of section 113.12(j) of this Part; and

(7) each registered organization shall have a manufacturing schedule that ensures the ability to produce adequate supply of any offered medical cannabis product, unless otherwise allowed by the Office, to ensure continuity of care for certified patients;

(c) Excipients for all forms of administration must be demonstrated safe for use in the proposed form. All vaporized and inhaled medical cannabis products shall meet the following additional requirements:

(1) unless prior written approval of the Office is received, medical cannabis vaporization devices for concentrates shall be a closed system with a pre-filled single-use cartridge that attaches to a rechargeable battery, or a single-use product;

(2) electronic vaporization devices shall have internal or external temperature controls to prevent combustion and have a heating element made of inert material such as glass, ceramic or stainless steel and not plastic or rubber;

(3) except for cannabis or hemp-derived terpenes, excipients and ingredients must be pharmaceutical grade unless otherwise approved by the Office, and shall not include:

(i) synthetic terpenes;

(ii) polyethylene glycol (PEG);

(iii) vitamin E acetate;

(iv) medium chain triglycerides (MCT oil);

(v) medicinal compounds;

(vi) illegal or controlled substances;

(vii) artificial food coloring;

(viii) benzoic acid;

(ix) diketones; and

(x) any other compound or ingredient as determined by the Office;

(4) not contain any flavors or flavoring agents, except for cannabis-derived or hemp-derived terpenes; and

(d) A registered organization shall:

(1) use good agricultural practices (GAPs);

(2) use good manufacturing practices (GMPs) and demonstrate compliance with GMP by submitting to the Office proof of a qualified third-party GMP audit of the registered organization's extraction and/or manufacturing facility operations and any related certification or audit report within one year of commencing operations and be maintained for the duration of the registration;

(3) conform to all applicable laws and rules of New York State;

(4) use water from a public water supply or present a plan, approved by the Office, which demonstrates the ability to obtain sufficient quantities of water of equal or greater quality as that from a public water supply and to monitor the quality of such water on an ongoing basis;

(5) only use pesticides that are registered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation or that specifically meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency registration exemption criteria for Minimum Risk Pesticides, and only in accordance with [6 NYCRR section 325.2\(b\)](#);

(6) process the leaves and flowers of the female cannabis plant only, in a safe and sanitary manner;

(7) perform visual inspection of the harvested plant material to ensure there is no mold, mildew, pests, rot or gray or black plant material;

(8) have a separate secure area for temporary storage of any medical cannabis or medical cannabis product that needs to be destroyed; and

(9) provide continual environmental monitoring for temperature, ventilation and humidity at all locations in the manufacturing facility where unprocessed leaf and flower material is stored, until further extraction or other processing is completed.

(e) Production of any medical cannabis product shall be in accordance with general sanitary conditions. Poisonous or toxic materials, including but not limited to, insecticides, rodenticides, detergents, sanitizers, caustics, acids and related cleaning compounds must be stored in a separate area from the cannabis and medical cannabis products in prominently and distinctly labeled containers, except that nothing herein precludes the convenient availability of detergents or sanitizers to areas where equipment, containers and utensils are washed and sanitized.

(f) Medical cannabis products shall be limited to the following forms of administration:

(1) cannabis concentrates, including, but not limited to, shatters, waxes, resins and any other concentrates (not gel-based or water soluble);

(2) cannabis edibles, including, but not limited to, capsules, beverages, tablets, tinctures, baked goods, gummies, chocolates and any other edibles;

(3) cannabis flower products, including, but not limited to, whole flower, ground flower, shake, pre-rolls, and any other flower;

(4) vaporization cartridges or single use pens;

(5) topicals; or

(6) any other form approved by the Board.

(g) The registered organization shall identify each lot of medical cannabis product with a lot unique identifier.

(h) The registered organization shall package the final form of the medical cannabis product at the manufacturing site.

(1) The original seal shall not be broken except for:

(i) quality testing at an approved laboratory,

(ii) for investigations or as part of an inspection by the office,

(iii) by the certified patient or designated caregiver, designated caregiver facility, an authorized cannabis research license holder, or by the registered organization for internal quality control testing or disposal, or

(iv) by a registered organization for dispensing smaller quantities of medical cannabis product to certified patients. The office may issue future guidance regarding the parameters of how a registered organization may dispense smaller quantities of medical cannabis products to certified patients.

(i) Medical Cannabis Product Packaging Minimum Standards.

(1) A medical cannabis product shall:

(i) be used to package a product in its final form at the manufacturing facility;

(ii) in addition to the packaging and labeling requirements under [section](#)

34 of the Cannabis Law, conform with all packaging and labeling requirements set forth in Part 128 of this Title, except that a “serving” shall be referenced as a “dose”;

(iii) be child-resistant unless otherwise approved by the office;

(iv) notwithstanding the requirements of section 128.6 of this Title, contain the message “for medicinal use only” for those dosage forms that are not authorized for adult-use pursuant to article 4 of the Cannabis Law, and applicable regulations; and

(v) be allowed, where the cannabis product may be used as an adult-use cannabis product or a medical use product, to use a safety insert to comply with packaging and labeling requirements in addition to those requirements in Part 128 of this Title, as required by section 34 of the Cannabis Law or in section 113.13 of this Part.

(j) Medical Cannabis Product Packaging Prohibitions.

(1) A medical cannabis product shall not:

(i) be opened or the original seal be broken except for quality testing at an approved laboratory, for adverse event investigations, by the office, by the certified patient or designated caregiver, designated caregiver facility, an authorized cannabis research license holder, or by the registered organization for internal quality control testing or disposal, unless otherwise approved by the office; or

(ii) use any term or variants in the spelling of any term describing a medical condition.

(k) Cannabis Product Labeling Minimum Standards

(1) Registered organizations shall ensure that the principal packaging display panel or safety insert shall conform with all packaging and labeling requirements set forth in Part 128 of this Title and contain the following information:

(i) the medical cannabis product form and brand designation;

(ii) any other marketed phytocannabinoids in milligrams per dose and milligrams per package shall be calculated the same way as total THC and total CBD using its acid form and 0.877 as part of the calculation;

(iii) the amount of total THC ($\text{THC} + (\text{THCA} \times 0.877)$) and any other marketed phytocannabinoids as a percentage of volume, unless otherwise exempted by the office;

(2) The information required pursuant to section 113.12(k)(1) of this Part must be unobstructed and conspicuous. A registered organization may include the required information by printing the information directly onto the medical cannabis package or by affixing multiple labels with the information to the package, provided none of the information is obstructed. For example, and not by means of limitation, the information may appear on labels that may be accordion, expandable, extendable, or layered to accommodate labeling of small packages.

(l) For each lot of medical cannabis product produced by the registered organization, a predetermined number of final medical cannabis products shall be collected and submitted, in a manner approved by the Office, for final product testing to an independent laboratory/laboratories permitted by the Board. The registered organization must review the testing results provided by the independent laboratory/laboratories to verify that the concentration of cannabinoids is consistent with the form of medical cannabis and verify that contaminants do not exceed limits, as defined by the Office, prior to the medical cannabis product being released from the manufacturer to any dispensing site.

(m) Any lot not meeting the minimum testing standards for contaminants, shall be rejected and destroyed by the registered organization in accordance with section 113.25 of this Part, except that a medical cannabis product lot that has not met the minimum testing standards for contaminant testing may be remediated and repurposed provided that:

(1) the registered organization must notify the office their intention to remediated or repurposed a medical cannabis product prior to initiating remediation or repurposing process;

(2) the lot must be resubmitted for laboratory testing in a manner set forth in section 113.12(l) of this Part;

(3) after completing the required analyses of a representative sample obtained from a remediated or repurposed medical cannabis lot, the laboratory shall report the results to the office within 2 business days;

(4) a medical cannabis product lot may only be remediated or repurposed for extraction once. If the lot fails to meet minimum testing standards for contaminants after the remediation or repurposing process, the entire lot shall be destroyed by the registered organization in accordance with section 113.25 of this Part;

(5) when a failed medical cannabis product lot is not remediated or reprocessed in any way it cannot be retested. Any subsequent testing results produced without remediation of the failed batch will not supersede the initial regulatory testing results.

(6) Any lot not meeting the minimum standards or specifications for product consistency shall be reported to the office and not dispensed by a registered organization without prior written approval from the office.

(7) The registered organization shall keep and maintain records documenting submission of medical cannabis products to approved laboratories as required herein, and the results of the laboratory testing. The registered organization shall provide the office with such records upon request.

(n) The registered organization shall demonstrate the stability of each medical cannabis product produced by testing both the unopened and opened product in accordance with section 113.15(h) of this Part:

(1) the stability of opened products shall be validated under the conditions (light, temperature and humidity), specified for storage of the product and an expiration date for opened product shall be determined;

(2) the stability of unopened products (e.g., sealed packages or vials) shall be validated by ongoing stability testing and an expiration date for unopened products shall be determined;

(3) specifications regarding storage conditions must address storage at the manufacturing facility once the package is sealed, during transport, at the dispensing site, in the patient's home and for samples retained for future testing.

(o) Registered organization shall not prepare or produce any medical cannabis products that contains:

(1) synthetic cannabis additives;

(2) artificially derived phytocannabinoid; or

(3) phytocannabinoid not produced by a registered organization by extraction in an approved manufacturing facility.

(p) In the manufacturing of medical cannabis products, a registered organization may use hemp grown pursuant to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, or hemp extracts derived from hemp, processed or manufactured in accordance with the Office's cannabinoid hemp program, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations;

(q) The registered organization's approved standard operating procedure for the aforementioned activities must be followed, unless otherwise approved by the Office.

Section 113.13. Requirements for Dispensing Sites

(a) Medical cannabis products at a dispensing site shall only be dispensed by authorized employees, twenty-one (21) years of age or older, of the registered organization, under the in-person supervision of an individual with an active New York State pharmacist license as defined in Article 137 of the Education Law, who has completed [at minimum a two (2) hour course] the training required pursuant to this Part.

(b) Dispensing sites shall only sell approved medical cannabis products, related products necessary for the administration of medical cannabis, and items that promote health and well-being subject to disapproval of the Office.

(c) The registered organization shall offer and make available to patients at least one (1) medical cannabis product that has a low THC and a high CBD content (e.g., a 1:20 ratio of THC to CBD);

(d) The registered organization shall offer and make available at least one (1) medical cannabis product that has approximately equal amounts of THC and

CBD;

(e) Dispensing sites may display, in secure, locked cases, samples of each medical cannabis product offered for sale. Authorized employees may remove samples from the display case and provide it to the medical cannabis certified patient or designated caregiver for inspection, provided the patient or caregiver may not consume or otherwise use or remove the sample from the dispensing site.

(f) No medical cannabis products shall be vaporized or consumed on the premises of a dispensing site.

(g) Dispensing sites shall not dispense medical cannabis products to anyone other than a certified patient, designated caregiver, research license holder, unless as permitted by subsection q of this section or unless such registered organization, pursuant to Article 4 of the Cannabis Law, is authorized by the Office to sell cannabis for adult use for retail sale.

(h) When dispensing medical cannabis, the dispensing site shall:

(1) not dispense any medical cannabis to a certified patient, unless the certified patient presents the dispensing site with:

(i) a valid certification from a practitioner, as defined in Article 1 of the Cannabis Law, and issued in accordance with, Article 3 of the Cannabis Law[, which shall also serve as the certified patient's registry card]; and

(ii) a valid government-issued photo identification, which the dispensing site shall use to validate that such patient is eighteen (18) years of age or older and capable of consent as documented on the certification, provided that, such government-issue photo identification, is issued by:

(a) the New York State commissioner of motor vehicles;

(b) the federal government of the United States;

(c) any United States territory;

(d) the District of Columbia;

(e) a state, commonwealth, or local government within the United States;

(f) a post-secondary educational institution regulated by the New York State Department of Education or another state; or

(g) or a provincial government of the dominion of Canada;

(2) use the patient certification number as the registry identification when a registry identification number is required;

(3) not dispense any medical cannabis product to a designated caregiver, unless such caregiver presents a certification in accordance with section 113.3 of this Part and a form of photo identification of such caregiver issued pursuant to this section.

(4) ensure that medical cannabis product packaging shall not be opened by dispensing site staff;

(5) provide a patient-specific log of medical cannabis products (brand,

administration form, and dosage, and dates dispensed and any return of product) to the patient, the patient's designated caregiver, if applicable, or the patient's practitioner upon request;

(i) The registered organization shall be responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of patients and the integrity of the security of the facility at all times. Access to medical cannabis storage areas and areas within the dispensing site where security equipment and recordings are stored shall be restricted to:

(1) registered organization employees;

(2) employees of the Office or its authorized representatives;

(3) emergency personnel responding to an emergency, and;

(4) other persons authorized by a manager of the registered organization for the sole purpose of maintaining the operations of the facility.

(j) If, at any time, any unauthorized person accesses patient certification or designated caregiver data, or if there is evidence of tampering or fraud, the authorized representative of the registered organization shall promptly notify the office.

(j) The dispensing site shall maintain a visitor log of all persons, other than registered organization employees or emergency personnel responding to an emergency, that access these secured areas, which shall include the name of the visitor, date, time and purpose of the visit. The visitor log shall be available to the Office at all times during operating hours and upon request.

(k) The dispensing site shall affix to the medical cannabis product package a patient specific dispensing label, that is easily readable, and firmly affixed and includes the following information:

(1) the name and registry identification number of the certified patient and designated caregiver, if any;

(2) the certifying practitioner's name;

(3) the dispensing site name, address and phone number;

(4) the dosing and administration instructions;

(5) the quantity and date dispensed;

(6) any recommendation or limitation by the practitioner as to the use of medical cannabis; and

(7) the expiration date of the product once opened pursuant to section 113.12(n)(2) of this Part, if not included on the cannabis product label pursuant to section 113.12 of this Part.

(1)(m) The dispensing site shall include with each product package dispensed to a patient, a package safety insert. Information provided shall include but not be limited to:

(1) the medical cannabis product;

(2) contraindications;

(3) specific dosage directions and instructions for administration based on the medical cannabis product form, including but not limited to onset of effect and duration of action;

(4) warning of adverse events and/or any potential dangers stemming from the use of medical cannabis;

(5) instructions for reporting adverse events as may be determined by the Office;

(6) a warning about driving, operation of mechanical equipment, or making important decisions while taking medical cannabis;

(7) information on tolerance, dependence and withdrawal and substance abuse, how to recognize what may be problematic usage of medical cannabis and obtain appropriate services or treatment;

(8) language stating that the medical cannabis product must be kept secure at all times, and out of sight and reach of children and pets;

(9) language stating that the certified patient may not distribute any medical cannabis product to anyone else;

(10) language stating that unwanted, excess, or contaminated medical cannabis product must be disposed of in accordance with the requirements set forth in section 113.21 of this Part; and

(11) language stating that “This product has not been analyzed by the FDA. There is limited information on the side effects of using this product and there may be associated health risks.”

(12) language stating, in bold:

(i) “This product might impair the ability to drive.”;

(ii) “Medical cannabis products must be kept in the original container in which they were dispensed and removed from the original container only when ready for use by the certified patient.”; and

(iii) “This product is for medicinal use only. This product should not be consumed during pregnancy or while nursing except on the advice of the certifying practitioner, and in the case of a nursing parent, including the infant’s pediatrician.”

(m)n The dispensing site shall store the medical cannabis product in a manner to ensure that there is no contamination or deterioration of the medical cannabis product or its packaging.

(n)o If a medical cannabis product is returned to the dispensing site, the registered organization shall:

(1) dispose of such product pursuant to section 113.25 of this Part;

(2) retain the following information for at least five (5) years and make available to the Office upon request:

(i) the name and registry identification number of the certified patient for whom the product was dispensed;

(ii) the date of the return;

(iii) the product being returned;

(iv) the quantity and/or weight being returned;

(v) the reason for the return;

(vi) the name of the dispensing site employee accepting the return; and

(vii) any other information required by the Office;

(3) ensure the returned medical cannabis product is securely stored, separate from working inventory while awaiting disposal.

([o]p) A registered organization shall provide a physical or paper certificate of analysis which includes, but is not limited to, the quality, safety and clinical strength of the medical cannabis product manufactured or dispensed by the registered organization directly to certified patients or their designated caregivers upon their request, in accordance with [section 34 of the Cannabis Law](#).

(q) A registered organization is authorized to dispense medical cannabis or medial cannabis products to medical cannabis patients certified by other States within the United States, the District of Columbia, a United States Commonwealth or possessions, if the patient presents proof of a certification, registration, or the equivalent for their state and a valid government issued photo identification.

(1) Registered organizations dispensing medical cannabis or cannabis products under this subdivision must:

(i) save a copy of the identification and certification presented and retain the records for 6 years

(ii) meet all requirements for reporting dispensed medical cannabis products in 113.18; and

(iii) implement a standard operating procedures for handling transactions for eligible patients from jurisdictions outside of New York State.

Section 113.14. Security Requirements for Manufacturing and Dispensing Sites

(a) All facilities operated by a registered organization, including any manufacturing facility and dispensing site, shall have a security system to prevent and detect diversion, theft or loss of cannabis and/or medical cannabis products, utilizing commercial grade equipment, which shall, at a minimum, include:

(1) a perimeter alarm that communicates with an internal designee and a third-party commercial central monitoring station when intrusion is detected;

(2) video cameras in all areas that may contain cannabis or medical cannabis products, all surveillance areas or rooms and at all points of entry and exit, which shall be appropriate for the normal lighting conditions of the area under surveillance. The manufacturing facility or dispensing site shall direct cameras at all areas where cannabis or medical cannabis product is being handled, stored or disposed. At entry and exit points, the manufacturing facility or dispensing site shall angle cameras to allow for the capture of clear and certain identification of any person entering or exiting the facility;

(3) continuous recordings during hours of operation and at any time that cannabis or medical cannabis product, in any form is handled, and motion activated recordings at all other times, from all video cameras, which the manufacturing facility or dispensing site shall make available via remote access or login credentials for immediate viewing by the Office or the Office's authorized representative upon request and shall be retained for at least sixty (60) days. The registered organization shall provide the Office with an

unaltered copy of such recording upon request. If a registered organization is aware of a pending criminal, civil or administrative investigation or legal proceeding for which a recording may contain relevant information, the registered organization shall retain an unaltered copy of the recording until the investigation or proceeding is closed or the entity conducting the investigation or proceeding notifies the registered organization that it is not necessary to retain the recording, but in no event for less than sixty (60) days;

(4) failure notification system that provides an audible text or visual notification of any failure in the surveillance system. The failure notification system shall provide an alert to the registered organization's designated representative(s) within five (5) minutes of the failure, either by telephone, e-mail, or text message;

(5) the ability to immediately produce a clear color still photo from any camera image (live or recorded);

(6) a date and time stamp embedded on all recordings. The date and time shall be synchronized and set correctly and shall not significantly obscure the picture; and

(7) the ability for the security alarms and video surveillance system to remain operational during a power outage for a minimum of eight (8) hours.

(b) A registered organization shall limit access to any surveillance areas and keep all on-site surveillance rooms locked. A registered organization shall make available to the Office or the Office's authorized representative, upon request, a current list of authorized employees who have access to any surveillance room.

(c) A registered organization shall keep illuminated the outside perimeter of any manufacturing facility and dispensing site that is operated under the registered organization's registration.

(d) All video recordings shall allow for the exporting of still images in an industry standard image format (including .jpeg, .bmp, and .gif). Exported video shall have the ability to be archived in a proprietary format that ensures authentication of the video and guarantees that no alteration of the recorded image has taken place. Exported video shall also have the ability to be saved in an industry standard file format that can be played on a standard computer operating system. A registered organization, after receiving approval of the Office, shall erase all recordings prior to disposal or sale of the facility.

(e) A registered organization shall keep all security equipment in full operating order and shall test such equipment no less than semi-annually at each manufacturing facility and dispensing site that is operated under the registered organization's registration. Records of security tests must be maintained for five (5) years and made available to the Office upon request.

(f) The manufacturing facility of the registered organization must be securely locked and protected from unauthorized entry at all times.

(g) All cannabis and medical cannabis products must be stored in a secure area or location within the registered organization manufacturing or dispensing site accessible to the minimum number of employees essential for efficient operation, to prevent diversion, theft or loss.

(h) All medical cannabis must be stored in such a manner as to protect against physical, chemical and microbial contamination and deterioration.

(i) All approved safes, vaults or any other approved equipment or areas used for the manufacturing or storage of cannabis and medical cannabis products must be securely locked or protected from entry, except for the actual time required to remove or replace cannabis or medical cannabis products.

(j) Keys shall not be left in the locks or stored or placed in a location accessible to individuals who are not authorized access to cannabis or manufactured medical cannabis products.

(k) Security measures, such as combination numbers, passwords or biometric security systems, shall not be accessible to individuals other than those specifically authorized to access cannabis or manufactured medical cannabis products.

(l) A registered organization shall ensure the safe and secure transport of any medical cannabis, including the safety of those transporting medical cannabis, and shall:

(1) prior to transporting any medical cannabis, shipping manifest data must be provided to the Office in a manner determined by the Office;

(2) maintain all shipping manifests and make them available to the Office for inspection upon request, for a period of five (5) years;

(3) transport all medical cannabis products in a secure manner that will not compromise the integrity of the products for the duration of the transport;

(4) transport all medical cannabis products directly to the destination(s) and the employee(s) shall not make any unnecessary stops in between;

(5) ensure that all medical cannabis product delivery times are randomized;

(6) ensure transport team members have the ability to communicate with employees at the registered organization at all times that the vehicle contains medical cannabis products; and

(7) ensure transport team members possess a copy of the shipping manifest at all times when transporting or delivering medical cannabis products and shall

produce it to the Office, the Office's authorized representative or law enforcement official upon request.

Section 113.15. Laboratory Testing Requirements for Medical Cannabis

(a) Medical cannabis products produced by a registered organization shall be examined by an independent laboratory physically located in New York State that is permitted by the office and approved for the analysis of medical cannabis in accordance article 3 of the Cannabis Law, and Part 130 of this Title.

(b) No board member, officer, manager, owner, partner, principal stakeholder or member of a registered organization, or such persons' immediate family member, shall have an interest or voting rights in the independent laboratory performing medical cannabis testing.

(c) For final product testing, a representative number of samples from the registered organization containing the medical cannabis product in the respective product packaging shall be sampled and transported for final product testing in a manner approved by the office.

(d) Testing of the final medical cannabis product is mandatory. However, at the option of the registered organization, testing may be performed on components used for the production of the final medical cannabis product, including but not limited to water or growing materials. Testing may also be performed on intermediate cannabis extract (e.g. for phytocannabinoid profile verification or contaminant testing).

(e) Sampling and testing of each lot of final medical cannabis product shall be conducted with a representative sample of a cannabis product batch by collecting a minimum number of sample increments relative to the batch size as set forth in guidance provided by the Office.

(f) Testing of the phytocannabinoid profile shall include, at a minimum, those analytes specified in section 113.12(b)(1) of this Part.

(g) Testing for contaminants in the final medical cannabis product shall include analytes, pesticides, or growth regulators determined by the Office. The Office shall make available a list of required analytes, pesticides or growth regulators for final product testing and the acceptable limits as determined by the Office.

(h) Stability testing shall be performed by a registered organization or permitted independent laboratory on each medical cannabis product as follows:

(1) For testing of open products, stability testing shall be performed, at time zero when opened and then, at a minimum, at sixty (60) days from the date of first analysis. This shall establish use of the product within a specified time once opened.

(2) For testing of unopened products, until stability studies have been completed, a registered organization may assign a tentative expiration date based on available stability information. The registered organization must concurrently have stability studies conducted to determine the actual expiration date of an unopened product.

(3) For stability testing of both opened and unopened cannabis products, each cannabis product shall retain a total THC and total CBD concentration in milligrams per single serving that is consistent with paragraph 113.12(b)(2) of this Part. If the product no longer retains a consistent concentration of total THC and total CBD pursuant to paragraph 113.12(b)(2) of this Part, the product shall be deemed no longer suitable for consumption and destroyed by the registered organization in accordance with section 113.25 of this Part. The registered organization shall demonstrate the ongoing stability over time of any product form produced as deemed necessary by, but not limited to, product stability concerns or complaints, new stability information about cannabis, for internal audit, or as requested by the office and shall provide such documentation whenever requested from the office.

(4) The Office may waive any of the requirements of this subsection upon good cause shown.

(i) The laboratory shall track and use an approved method to dispose of any quantity of medical cannabis product that is not consumed in samples used for testing. Disposal of medical cannabis shall mean that the medical cannabis has been rendered unrecoverable and beyond reclamation.

Section 113.16. Pricing

(a) Registered organizations shall submit documentation to the Office at least fifteen (15) days prior to sale of each new medical cannabis product, a price per dose for each form of medical cannabis to be sold.

(b) The registered organization shall submit to the Office any change in pricing per dose for medical cannabis products within fifteen (15) days of such change. Prior approval by the Office is not required to change a price.

(c) The Office may modify the price per dose for any medical cannabis product if necessary to maintain access for certified patients.

(d) Examination of Records for Determination of Price. The registered organization shall grant the Office or the Office's authorized representative the right to examine records that formed the basis for their medical cannabis pricing, including the registered organization's books, records, documents and other types of factual information that will permit an adequate evaluation of the price charged by the registered organization.

(e) Correction of Insufficient Price Data. If the Office determines that the cost or pricing data provided pursuant to subdivision (d) of this section is inaccurate or incomplete, the registered organization shall submit new data or provide clarification as requested by the Office until such data is to the satisfaction of the Office.

Section 113.17. Medical Cannabis Marketing and Advertising

(a) General Requirements.

(1) Medical cannabis marketing, advertising, and advertisements shall only include true and accurate statements relating to effectiveness, side effects, consequences or contraindications. It shall present a fair balance between information relating to effectiveness, side effects, consequences, and contraindications in that the information relating to effectiveness may not be presented in greater scope, depth, or detail than is the information relating to side effects, consequences and contraindications, taking into account all implementing factors such as typography, layout, contrast, headlines, paragraphing, white space, and any other techniques apt to achieve emphasis.

(2) A registered organization may engage in reasonable advertising practices that are not otherwise prohibited in this Part, provided the marketing, advertising, and any advertisements do not jeopardize public health or safety, promote youth use, or be attractive to individuals under 21 as set forth in section 113.12(j)(1) of this Part.

(3) A registered organization shall ensure that an official translation of a foreign language advertisement is accurate.

(4) Any advertisement of medical cannabis or medical cannabis products shall, unless otherwise approved by the office, include a required warning statement that depends on that advertisement's form:

(i) If the advertisement contains only visual elements, or a combination of audio and visual elements, then the following statements shall be included in a conspicuous manner on the face of the advertisement or be read aloud clearly at the same volume and pace and in the same language as the rest

of the advertisement: “For use only by certified registered patients. Keep out of reach of children and pets. In case of accidental ingestion or overconsumption, contact your Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 or call 9-1-1. Please consume responsibly.”;

(ii) If the advertisement contains only auditory elements, then the following statements shall be clearly read aloud at the same volume and pace and in the same language as the rest of the advertisement: “For use only by certified patients. Keep out of reach of children and pets. In case of accidental ingestion or overconsumption, contact your Healthcare Provider or Poison Center.”; and

(iii) any other statements or warnings as directed by the board.

(5) Statements or warnings in print or digital advertisements pursuant to this section shall be displayed as follows:

(i) in the same language as the advertisement;

(ii) in Times New Roman, Calibri, Arial, or Helvetica;

(iii) in text no smaller than size six (6) font;

(iv) bolded;

(v) be legible, unobscured, and visible to the consumer; and

(vi) in a bright yellow text box so as to stand out from the surrounding advertisement. The use of a bright yellow color for the warning shall not

render the advertisement attractive to individuals under 21 as prohibited by section 113.12 of this Part. If the surrounding advertisement is yellow in color, the text box shall be offset with a distinctive border so as to differentiate it from the surrounding advertisement.

(6) A registered organization shall only advertise medical cannabis products, cannabis paraphernalia, or goods or services related to medical cannabis or cannabis products by means of television, radio, print, internet, mobile applications, social media, other electronic communication, or other print publication if the registered organization has reliable evidence that at least 90%, unless otherwise determined by the office, of the audience for the advertisement is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older. The burden of proof of the audience composition lies with the registered organization.

(7) A registered organization shall maintain records and documentation to establish that its advertising and marketing meet the requirements of this section.

(8) A registered organization may sponsor a charitable, sports, or similar event provided however, a registered organization shall not engage in advertising at, or in connection with, such an event unless:

(i) any advertisements consist only, at a maximum, of the registered organization's logo and the following text:

(a) the registered organization's name, entity name, or doing business as name or;

(b) the registered organization's website URL, email address, and phone number;

(c) if the registered organization is authorized to conduct retail sales, the registered organization retail dispensary's location; and

(d) the nature of the business; and

(e) the location(s) of the registered organization's dispensing site(s);
and

(ii) that the advertising and marketing at eligible events shall comply with this Part.

(9) A registered organization shall limit the apparel displaying its brand and trademark used in connection with the sale of apparel displaying its brand to only adult sizes. Such apparel shall only be sold by the registered organization within its registered premises.

(10) A registered organization shall accurately and legibly include its name and registration number in all advertisements, unless the form of the advertisement has been exempted from this requirement by the office.

(11) A registered organization who advertises via a website or digital application shall have a mechanism designed to keep those under the age of twenty-one (21) from visiting the website or digital application, notwithstanding a certified patient or designated caregiver who is at least eighteen years of age and visiting the website to purchase medical cannabis.

(12) A registered organization who has entered into an intellectual property licensing agreement, marketing or advertising agreement or any other agreement in which a registered organization authorizes the use of its intellectual property, or allows a third party to market or advertise on its behalf, the registered organization is responsible to ensure that such agreement, intellectual property use, marketing or advertising shall comply with this Part.

(13) A registered organization shall comply with requests from the Office to change any marketing and advertisements that are determined to be false, misleading, or deemed necessary to protect public health and safety.

(14) A registered organization shall comply with any additional requirements as set forth by the Office.

(b) No marketing, advertising, or advertisement of medical cannabis products shall:

(1) depict medical cannabis not otherwise permitted by section 113.12 of this Part or paraphernalia;

(2) use or display images designed in any manner to be attractive to individuals under twenty-one (21);

(3) use audio that may be attractive to individuals under twenty-one (21), including but not limited to using children's voices or cartoon voices;

(4) be on or in the form of a billboard;

(5) use or display colloquial references to marijuana and cannabis or depictions of cannabis, cannabis products, medical cannabis products, paraphernalia, or the imagery or action of smoking or vaping, including but not limited to the words "stoner", "chronic", "weed", "pot", or "sticky buds" unless such reference is used in the registered organization's name, entity name, doing business as name, or logo;

(6) assert that medical cannabis or medical cannabis products are safe or effective because they are regulated by the Board or Office;

(7) permit the use of their trademarks, brands, names, locations, or other distinguishing characteristics for third-party use on advertising in a manner that does not comply with this Part or any other statute, rule or regulation;

(8) contain any statement, design, representation, picture or illustration related to the safety or efficacy of medical cannabis, unless supported by substantial evidence or substantial clinical data which shall be referenced in the advertisement and provided to the Office upon request;

(9) contain favorable information or opinions about a medical cannabis product previously regarded as valid but which have been rendered invalid by contrary and more credible recent information;

(10) use a quote or paraphrase out of context or without citing conflicting information from the same source, to convey a false or misleading idea;

(11) contain favorable information or conclusions from a study that is inadequate in design, scope, or conduct to furnish significant support for such information or conclusions;

(12) use data favorable to a medical cannabis product derived from patients treated with a different product or form;

(13) disparage cannabis or medical cannabis products from another registered organization or licensed entity;

(14) fail to provide adequate emphasis for the fact that two (2) or more facing pages are part of the same advertisement when only one (1) page contains information relating to side effects, consequences and contraindications;

(15) disseminate any advertisement if the registered organization has received information that has not been widely publicized in medical literature that the use of any medical cannabis product may cause fatalities or serious damage to a patient;

(16) correct false or misleading information in any part of the advertisement by including a true statement in another distinct part of the advertisement;

(17) use the term “organic”;

(18) contain any statement, design, representation, picture or illustration that encourages or represents the use of medical cannabis that does not comport with Article 3 of the Cannabis Law or promotes overconsumption;

(19) falsely portray medical cannabis or cannabis products as being in compliance with Article 4 and Article 5 of the Cannabis Law;

(20) contain any statement that indicates or implies that the product or entity in the advertisement has been approved or endorsed by any New York State employee or any person or entity associated with New York State provided that this shall not preclude a factual statement that an entity is a registered organization;

(21) encourage the transportation of medical cannabis across state lines or otherwise encourage illegal activity;

(22) depict a child or other person under the age of twenty-one (21) or reasonably appearing to be under the age of twenty-one (21). Talent portrayed in medical cannabis advertising should be a minimum of twenty-five years old, substantiated by proper identification, and an actual certified patient, designated caregiver or health care practitioner and not a model or actor;

(23) contain any obscene or indecent statement, design, or representation, picture, or illustration;

(24) be within or be readily observed within 500 feet of an elementary or secondary school grounds as defined in Education Law, recreation center or facility, childcare center, playground, public park, or library;

(25) be on or through handbills that are passed out in public areas including but not limited to parking lots and publicly owned property;

(26) utilize unsolicited pop-up or banner advertising on the internet other than on age-restricted websites for people twenty-one (21) and over who consent to view cannabis-related material, notwithstanding a certified patient or designated caregiver who is at least eighteen years of age and visiting the website to purchase medical cannabis;

(27) cooperate, directly or indirectly, in any advertising if such advertising has the purpose or effect of steering or influencing patient or caregiver choice with regard to the selection of a practitioner. Nothing contained within this section prevents a registered organization from educating practitioners about medical cannabis products offered by the registered organization;

(28) use a commercial mascot; or

(29) violate any additional prohibitions determined by the Board or Office.

(c) A registered organization shall not use false or misleading information in any part of the advertisement. An advertisement is false, lacking in fair balance, or otherwise misleading if it:

(1) contains a representation or suggestion that one medical cannabis product,

brand, or form is better, more effective, useful in a broader range of conditions or patients or safer than other drugs or treatments including other medical cannabis products or forms, unless such a claim has been demonstrated by substantial scientific evidence or clinical experience;

(2) contains favorable information or opinions about a medical cannabis product previously regarded as valid but which have been rendered invalid by contrary and more credible recent information;

(3) uses a quote or paraphrase out of context or without citing conflicting information from the same source, to convey a false or misleading idea;

(4) uses data favorable to a medical cannabis product derived from patients treated with a different product or form;

(5) contains favorable information or conclusions from a study that is inadequate in design, scope, or conduct to furnish significant support for such information or conclusions; or

(6) fails to provide adequate emphasis for the fact that two (2) or more facing pages are part of the same advertisement when only one (1) page contains information relating to side effects, consequences and contraindications.

(d) Outdoor Signs.

(1) A registered organization may advertise outdoors using signs provided such signs:

(i) are for the purpose of alerting individuals to the location of a dispensing site;

(ii) are limited to the following information:

(a) business or trade name,

(b) business location, and

(c) the nature of the business;

(iii) are affixed to a building or permanent structure;

(iv) are not on vehicles except where a registered organization name and address are required on a vehicle to comply with any other state or local laws or regulations; and

(v) do not total more than two in number per dispensing site.

(2) Marketing or advertising is prohibited on signs and placards, regardless of their size or purpose, in arenas, stadiums, other sport venues, shopping malls unless alerting individuals to the location of a dispensing site located within that mall, fairs that receive state allocations, and video game arcades, regardless of whether any of the foregoing are open air or enclosed, but this does not include any such sign or placard located at an adult only facility or as further set out by the office in guidance.

(3) A registered organization shall remove an outdoor sign if the office determines the outdoor sign violates the provisions of Cannabis Law and this Part or if the registered organization fails to provide records to the office upon request that establishes the outdoor sign meets the requirements of Cannabis Law and this Part.

(4) Outdoor dispensing site signs must comply with any additional requirements as set out by the office.

(e) Marketing and Advertising Violations and Penalties.

(1) A registered organization shall immediately remove or discontinue advertising or marketing if the Board determines the advertising, marketing, or outdoor signage violates the provisions of the Cannabis Law and this Part or if the registered organization fails to provide records to the Office upon request that establishes the advertising and marketing meets the requirements of the Cannabis Law and this Part.

(2) In the event a third-party has used a registered organization's trademarks, brands, names, locations, or other distinguishing characteristics in an advertisement that does not comply with this Part or any other statute, rule or regulation, the registered organization must immediately notify the office and issue a cease-and-desist notification to the third-party.

(3) The Office may take any action against any registered organization who fails to comply with this Part, including but not limited to recommendations to the Board for suspension, cancellation, or revocation of a registration, imposition of any fees or fines, requiring a registered organization to cease by a date determined by the Office the non-compliant marketing and advertising and requiring removal by a date determined by the Office of any marketing material or advertising still being published or displayed, and any other penalties set forth in Cannabis Law and this Part 113.

Section 113.18. Reporting Dispensed Medical Cannabis Products

(a) A record of all medical cannabis products that have been dispensed shall be filed electronically in a form and manner determined by the office, not later than

twenty-four (24) hours after the cannabis was dispensed to the certified patient or designated caregiver.

(b) The information filed for each medical cannabis product dispensed shall include but not be limited to:

(1) a serial number that will be generated by the dispensing site for each medical cannabis product dispensed to the certified patient or designated caregiver;

(2) an identification number which shall be populated by a number provided by the Office, to identify the registered organization's dispensing site;

(3) the patient's name, date of birth and gender;

(4) the patient's address, including street, city, state, zip code;

(5) the patient's certification identification number;

(6) if applicable, designated caregiver's name and registry identification number;

(7) the date the medical cannabis product was dispensed by the dispensing site;

(8) the metric quantity for the medical cannabis product;

(9) the medical cannabis product identifier code number, which shall be

populated by a number provided by the Office, to represent the medical cannabis product that was dispensed to the certified patient or designated caregiver, as applicable;

(10) the number of days supply dispensed;

(11) the certifying practitioner's Drug Enforcement Administration number;

(12) the date the written certification was issued by the certifying practitioner;
and

(13) the payment method.

(c) When applicable, a registered organization shall file a zero report in a format acceptable to the office. For the purposes of this section, a zero report shall mean a report that no medical cannabis product was dispensed by a registered organization during the relevant period of time. A zero report shall be submitted no later than 14 days following the most recent previously reported dispensing of a medical cannabis product or the submission of a prior zero report.

Section 113.19. Prohibition on the use of Medical Cannabis Products in Certain Places

(a) In no event shall medical cannabis products be consumed through smoking or vaporization in any location in which smoking is prohibited under Article 13-E of the Public Health Law, except where the consumption through smoking or vaporization is authorized by the research license issued pursuant to Article 3 of the Cannabis Law.

(b) Consumption of medical cannabis products shall not be permitted in any motor vehicle, either public or private, as defined in [section 125 of the Vehicle and Traffic](#)

Law.

Section 113.20. Reporting Requirements for Registered Practitioners, Certified Patients and Designated Caregivers

(a) A practitioner shall report to the Office, in a manner determined by the Office, the death of a certified patient or change in status of a condition involving a certified patient for whom the practitioner has issued a certification if such change may affect the patient's continued eligibility for certification for use of medical cannabis products. A practitioner shall report such death or change of status not more than five (5) business days after the practitioner becomes aware of such fact.

(b) If a practitioner issues a new certification for a certified patient, then the existing certification and associated registration shall expire upon issuance of the new certification and a new registration expiration date, equivalent to the certification expiration date, shall be established.

(c) A practitioner shall report patient adverse events to the Office, in a manner determined by the Office, not more than five (5) business days after the practitioner becomes aware of such adverse event, except that serious adverse events shall be reported not more than one (1) business day after the practitioner becomes aware of such adverse event.

(d) A certified patient or designated caregiver, who has been issued a registration shall notify the Office of any change in the information provided to the Office not later than ten (10) business days after such change. A certified patient or designated caregiver shall report changes that include, but are not limited to, a change in the certified patient's name, address, contact information, or medical status. A certified patient or designated caregiver shall report such changes on a form, and in a manner, determined by the Office. Should a certified patient cease to have the condition noted on their certification, the certified patient or designated caregiver shall notify the Office of such within ten (10) days and the certified patient's and designated caregiver's registration shall be considered void.

(e) If a certified patient has a designated caregiver, that designated caregiver may

notify the Office of any changes on behalf of the certified patient using the same forms and process prescribed for certified patients.

(f) A certified patient or designated caregiver shall notify the Office of any change in demographic information that results in information on the certification being inaccurate.

(g) If a certified patient or designated caregiver becomes aware of the loss, theft or destruction of the registry identification of such certified patient or designated caregiver, the certified patient or designated caregiver shall notify the office, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the office, not later than 10 days of becoming aware of the loss, theft or destruction. The office shall inactivate the initial registry identification upon receiving such notice and issue a replacement registry identification provided the applicant continues to satisfy the requirements of article 3 of the Cannabis Law and section 113.4 of this Part.

(h) If a certified patient wishes to change or terminate their designated caregiver, the certified patient shall notify the Office, in a manner determined by the Office, and shall notify their designated caregiver as soon as practicable.

(1) The Office shall issue a notification, in a format determined by the Office, to the designated caregiver and the certified patient that the designated caregiver's registration is invalid.

(2) In the event that the certified patient has selected another designated caregiver, the proposed designated caregiver must register with the Office as defined in section 113.5 of this Part.

(i) If a designated caregiver wishes to terminate their relationship with a certified patient, the designated caregiver shall notify the Office, in a manner determined by the Office, and shall notify the certified patient, as soon as practicable.

(1) The Office shall issue a notification, in a format determined by the Office

to the certified patient and the designated caregiver that the designated caregiver has terminated their relationship with the certified patient.

(2) In the event that the designated caregiver has no other active certified patients, the designated caregiver's registration will be inactivated.

Section 113.21. Proper Disposal of Medical Cannabis Products by Certified Patients or Designated Caregivers

(a) A certified patient or designated caregiver shall dispose of all medical cannabis product in the certified patient's or designated caregiver's possession no later than ten (10) calendar days after the expiration of the patient's certification, if such certification is not renewed, or sooner should the patient no longer wish to possess medical cannabis.

(b) A certified patient or designated caregiver shall complete disposal of medical cannabis products by one of the following methods:

(1) rendering the medical cannabis product unusable in accordance with the Department of Environmental Conservation's guidance;

(2) in the case of whole flower or ground flower, on-site composting is an acceptable alternative to rendering the product unusable; or

(3) returning the medical cannabis product to the dispensing site from which it was purchased, or any dispensing site associated with the registered organization which manufactured the medical cannabis product, to the extent that the registered organization accepts product returns.

Section 113.22. General Prohibitions

(a) No person, except for a certified patient, designated caregiver, designated caregiver facilities, an approved laboratorian, pharmacist, or an approved research license holder shall open or break the seal placed on a medical cannabis product packaged by a registered organization and provided to the certified patient.

(b) No person associated with a registered organization shall enter into any agreement with a registered practitioner or health care facility concerning the provision of services or equipment that may adversely affect any person's freedom to choose the dispensing site at which the certified patient or designated caregiver will purchase medical cannabis products. Nothing in this subdivision shall prohibit a practitioner employed by a registered organization from providing services at a registered organization.

(c) No registered organization shall employ, or permit to be employed, or shall allow to work, on any premises registered, any person under the age of eighteen (18) years in any capacity where the duties of such person require or permit such person to sell, dispense or handle cannabis. Any employee eighteen (18) years of age or older and under twenty-one (21) years of age may not have direct interaction with patients inside a dispensing site.

(d) No employee of a registered organization shall counsel a certified patient or designated caregiver on the use, administration of, and the risks associated with medical cannabis products, unless the employee is a pharmacist or a practitioner as defined in article 1 of the Cannabis Law, with an active New York State license, registration or certification who has completed ~~[at minimum a two hour course]~~the training required pursuant to section 113.2 of this Part, or the employee is, 21 years of age or older and under the direct supervision of, and in consultation with, such practitioner, or the pharmacist working at the dispensing site.

(e) No certified patient or designated caregiver shall be in possession of medical cannabis products above the possession limits as defined in Penal Law or at any time medical cannabis products are possessed by a patient or designated caregiver under ~~[21]~~18 years of age without having in their possession:

(1) Patient’s valid certification; and

(2) Other forms of identification or documentation as provided by this Part or as determined by the Office to verify that the certified patient or designated caregiver is authorized to possess medical cannabis products.

(f) No certified patient or designated caregiver shall transport medical cannabis product unless such products remain in the original package as dispensed by the registered organization and the patient or designated caregiver is in possession of patient’s valid certification in accordance with subdivision (e) of this section.

(g) The certified patient or designated caregiver, upon request by the office or law enforcement, shall present such certification to verify that the certified patient or designated caregiver is authorized to possess medical cannabis products.

Section 113.23. Practitioner Prohibitions

(a) A practitioner shall not:

(1) directly or indirectly accept, solicit, or receive any item of value from a registered organization. For these purposes, an item of value shall mean “financial gain” or “fees” or “other consideration” as described under [Education Law sections 6530\(17\), \(18\) or \(19\)](#) and applicable under those circumstances, where the “third party” or “person” described therein is a registered organization. However, free or discounted products or services may be provided for use in research, provided such research is conducted by a cannabis research licensee pursuant to [section 38 article 3 of the Cannabis Law](#);

(2) directly or indirectly benefit from a patient obtaining a written certification. Such prohibition shall not prohibit a practitioner from conducting research pursuant to [section 38](#) of Article 3 of the Cannabis Law, or charging an appropriate fee for the patient visit.

(b) A practitioner shall not issue a certification for themselves.

(c) A practitioner shall not receive or provide product samples containing cannabis.

Section 113.24. Designated Caregiver Prohibitions and Protections

(a) An individual shall not serve as a designated caregiver for more than four (4) certified patients at any given time, not including designated caregiver facilities and employees of such facilities, and research license holders acting as designated caregivers.

(b) A designated caregiver may only obtain payment from the certified patient to be used for the cost of home cultivation activities in accordance with section 115.2 of Part 115 of this Title and medical cannabis product purchased for the certified patient in the actual amount charged by the registered organization; provided, however, that a designated caregiver may charge the certified patient for reasonable costs incurred in the transportation, delivery, storage and administration of medical cannabis products.

(c) Designated caregivers, including employees of designated caregiver facilities acting within their scope of employment, and research license holders shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution, or penalty in any manner, or denied any right or privilege, including but not limited to civil penalty or disciplinary action by a business or occupational or professional licensing board or bureau, solely for an action or conduct in accordance with this Part.

(d) A designated caregiver shall not purchase medical cannabis product for the certified patient, unless such caregiver presents the following documentation to a registered organization:

(1) the patient's certification from a practitioner, as defined in Article 1 of the Cannabis Law, and issued in accordance with Article 3 of the Cannabis Law, which shall also serve as the patient/designated caregiver [registry identification card]registration; and

(2) a valid government-issued photo identification, in accordance with subdivision (h) of section 113.13 of this Part.

Section 113.25. Registered Organizations; Disposal of Medical Cannabis

(a) The disposal of medical cannabis shall mean that the medical cannabis has been rendered unusable, except for stalks, stems, fan leaves, root balls, and soil media.

(b) Registered organizations shall dispose of any medical cannabis that is outdated, damaged, deteriorated, contaminated or otherwise deemed not appropriate for manufacturing or dispensing, or any plant-based waste created as a by-product of the manufacturing processes. Registered organizations shall dispose of liquid and chemical waste in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

(c) For registered organizations generating more than a half ton of organic waste per week and within 25 miles of an organic recycling facility, the waste shall not be landfilled or combusted but must either be:

(1) composted on-site or at an organic recycling facility;

(2) used to produce energy through the process of anaerobic digestion; or

(3) used as input by the licensee or a third party in the manufacture of other

products, such as paper, packaging, or pet bedding.

(d) Registered organizations shall maintain records of disposal, which shall include:

(1) the type of plant material being disposed, if the material is a by-product of the manufacturing process;

(2) the medical cannabis product being disposed, if a finished product;

(3) the weight of the disposed material, the number of plants, or in the case of a finished product, the quantity of the disposed product;

(4) the signatures of at least two (2) registered organization staff members who witnessed the disposal; and

(5) the methods and destination/location of disposal, by waste type and weight, for each method of disposal.

(e) All records of disposal shall be retained for at least five (5) years and be made available for inspection by the Office.

Section 113.26. Energy and Environmental Standards and Regulations

(a) Annual benchmarking of energy and water usage is required, in a manner required by the office with the first report to be completed and submitted to the office no later than one year after registration and with subsequent reports to be submitted annually to the office thereafter.

(b) Lighting Standards for indoor cultivation areas.

(1) All horticultural lighting used in cultivation shall be compliant with standards that are determined by the office and lighting Photosynthetic Photon Efficacy (PPE) must be at least 2.2 $\mu\text{mol}/\text{J}$ (micromoles per joule). The office is authorized to establish such standards.

(2) Registered organizations with existing cultivation will have one year from the date of adoption of the regulations to comply with this subdivision, unless otherwise approved by the office with good cause shown.

(3) A facility seeking to use horticultural lighting not included on the Horticultural QPL or other similar list, as determined by the Office, shall seek a waiver pursuant to a third-party certification of the energy efficiency features of the proposed lighting.

(c) Dehumidification. Dehumidification equipment for all new construction shall include one of the following:

(1) stand-alone dehumidifiers that have a minimum integrated energy factor of 1.77 L/kWh for product case volumes of 8.0 cubic feet or less, and a minimum integrated energy factor of 2.41 L/kWh for product case volumes greater than 8.0 cubic feet;

(2) integrated HVAC system with on-site heat recovery designed to fulfill at least 75 percent of the annual energy for dehumidification reheat;

(3) chilled water system with on-site heat recovery designed to fulfill at least 75 percent of the annual energy for dehumidification reheat; or

(4) solid or liquid desiccant dehumidification system for system designs that require dewpoint of 50°F or less; or

(5) any other equipment as determined by the Office.

Section 113.27. Registered Organizations; Inspections and Audits

(a) Licensed, registered or permitted premises, regardless of the type of premises, and all records including but not limited to financial statements and corporate documents, shall be subject to inspection by the Office, by the duly authorized representatives of the Office, by any peace officer acting pursuant to his or her special duties, or by a law enforcement officer.

(b) A registered organization must make themselves, or an agent thereof, available and present for any inspection required by the Office. Such inspection may include, but is not limited to, ensuring compliance by the registered organization with all requirements of the regulations pursuant thereto, and other applicable state and local building codes, fire, health, safety, and other applicable regulations.

(c) Any deficiencies identified by the inspection shall be documented in a statement of findings by the Office and require that the registered organization submit a written plan of correction in a format acceptable to the Office within fifteen (15) calendar days of the issue date of the statement of findings. A plan of correction shall address all deficiencies or areas of noncompliance cited in the statement of findings and shall:

(1) contain an assessment and analysis of the events and/or circumstances that led to the noncompliance;

(2) contain a procedure addressing how the licensee intends to correct each area of noncompliance;

(3) contain an explanation of how proposed corrective actions will be implemented and maintained to ensure noncompliance does not recur;

(4) contain the proposed date by which each area of noncompliance shall be corrected;

(5) additional information in compliance with Part 133 of this Title; and

(6) any other information as determined by the office.

(d) Any inspection finding which the Office determines jeopardizes the immediate health, safety, or well-being of the public shall be deemed a critical deficiency and shall require immediate corrective action to remove the immediate risk. The registered organization shall submit a preliminary corrective action plan to the Office within twenty-four (24) hours of notification by the Office of the critical deficiency.

(e) If the Office determines that the corrective action plan needs modification, the registered organization shall modify the plan until it is in its final form, as accepted by the Office;

(f) Upon written approval of the Office, the registered organization shall implement the plan of correction.

(g) Failure by the registered organization to comply with these requirements may result in suspension, revocation, and or a civil penalty in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations of the Office and pursuant to [Section 133 of the Cannabis Law](#).

(h) Nothing herein shall limit the application of any other remedies or sanctions that are available through local, state, and federal laws, and these rules.

Section 113.28. Referenced Materials

(a) Regulations included in Part 113 of this Title contain references to documents for information as to the standards to be met or guidelines and methodologies to be used in meeting the requirements of specific regulations. In addition, copies of referenced materials are available for public inspection and copying at the Albany office of the New York State Department of State.

Table 1

Regulation	Referenced Material	Avail abil ity
9 NYCRR Part/sec./etc.	CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) or other	
113.12(d)(5)	6 NYCRR, Section 325.2(b) (eff. Jan. 21, 2000)	*
113.1(j) 113.12(i)(2)	16 CFR § 1700.15 and § 1700.20 (eff. July 22, 1996)	**
113.6(b)(6)	21 CFR, Parts 111 (eff. August 24, 2007) or 21 CFR Part 117 (eff. November 16, 2015)	**
113.12(i)(2)	16 CFR § 1700.15	
	16 CFR § 1700.20	**

113.12(i)(5)	16 CFR Part 260 (eff. October 11, 2012)	**
113.12(a)(2)(iii)	21 USC § 321 (eff. July 17, 2022)	***
113.3(a)(7)(ii)	Public Health Law § 2782 (eff. Dec. 2, 2020)	*****
113.8(c)(2)(ii)	Public Health Law § 3306 (eff. March 31, 2021)	*****
113.5(c)(3); 113.5(d)(4); 113.5(e)(4)	Penal Law § 210.45 (eff. 1965)	*****
113.21(b)(1)	Department of Environmental Conservation's guidance for "Safe Medication Disposal for Households"	*****

* Electronic copies of New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) sections can be searched directly at: <https://govt.westlaw.com/nycrr/index?lrTS=20190327201930309&transitionType=Default&contextData=%28sc.Default%29>

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***** Electronic copies of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Guidance for “Safe Medication Disposal for Households” can be searched directly at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/67720.html>

Footnotes

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Pursuant to the authority vested in the Cannabis Control Board by sections 10, 13, 64, 76, and 85 of the Cannabis Law, Chapter II of Subtitle B of Title 9 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York is hereby amended to be effective upon publication of a Notice of Adoption in the New York State Register, as follows:

Subdivision (al) of section 113.1 is repealed and subdivision (am) of section 113.1 is amended to read as follows:

([am]al) Registration[y identification card means a document that identifies a certified patient or designated caregiver, as provided under] is defined as set forth in section [article]3 of the Cannabis Law.

A new subdivisions (am) is added to Section 113.1 as follows:

(am) Registry application is defined as set forth in section 3 of the Cannabis Law.

Paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of section 113.2 is amended to read as follows:

(4) has completed [at] a [minimum a two (2) hour] course approved by the Office as set forth in subdivision (b) of this section.

Subdivision (b) of section 113.2 is amended to read as follows:

(b) The Office shall approve at least one (1), if not more, courses for practitioners seeking to certify patients for medical cannabis[, which shall be a minimum of two (2) hours in duration]. The educational content of such course shall include: the pharmacology of cannabis; contraindications; side effects; adverse reactions; overdose prevention; drug interactions; dosing; routes of administration; risks and benefits; warnings and precautions; abuse and dependence; and such other components as determined by the Office.

Subdivision (c) of section 113.3 is amended to read as follows:

(c) The practitioner shall provide the signed certification to the certified patient, the certified patient's designated caregiver, or for those individuals under the age of eighteen (18) or incapable of consent, the person responsible for making healthcare decisions pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of this section.

Subdivision (g) of section 113.3 is repealed and subdivision (h) is amended to read as follows:

([h]g) Expiration of Certification

[(1)] The certification shall state the date upon which the certification shall expire, pursuant to the following: [which shall be no longer than one (1) year after the date it was issued, unless the patient is terminally ill.]

[(2)] (1) [If t]The practitioner may state on the certification that the patient is terminally ill and [issues a certification to a patient who is terminally ill,] the certification shall not expire until the patient's death or the practitioner re-issues the certification to terminate the certification on an earlier date.

[(3)] (2) If the practitioner issues a certification to a patient who is not a resident of New York State but is receiving care and treatment in [this] New York [s]State, the certification shall be valid for a period of time which is no longer than the patient is reasonably anticipated to be residing in New York State for the purposes of care and treatment, but in no event shall it be valid for more than one [(1)] year after the date it was issued.

(3) Any certification other than those described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subdivision shall expire two years after the date the certification is signed by the practitioner. The practitioner may state in the certification that, in the practitioner's professional opinion, the patient would benefit from medical cannabis only until a specified earlier date upon which the certification shall expire.

(4) A practitioner may reissue any certification under this subdivision to terminate the certification on a date earlier than stated on the original certification.

Subdivisions (i) and (j) of section 113.3 are relettered to (h) and (i), respectively.

A new subdivision (j) of section 113.3 is added to read as follows:

(j) Provision of Electronic Code. The practitioner shall provide a quick response (QR) code to the certified patient or their designated caregiver to present to a registered organization to obtain medical cannabis or medical cannabis products from a registered organization. The QR code shall link to the Medical Cannabis Data Management System, or any successor state database.

Subdivisions (a) and (b) of section 113.4 are amended to read as follows:

(a) A patient issued a valid certification by a practitioner, in accordance with section 113.3 of this Part, who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and capable of consent, shall be deemed registered and exempt from filing a registry application with the Office, for purpose of registering as a patient and to obtain a patient [registry identification card] registration, pursuant to the applicable patient registration provisions and pursuant to section 32 of the Cannabis Law.

(b) A patient, who is under eighteen (18) years of age, or who is otherwise incapable of consenting to medical treatment, and who is issued a valid certification by a practitioner in accordance with section 113.3 of this Part, shall be deemed registered and exempt from filing a registry application with the Office, for purpose of registering as a patient and to obtain a patient [registry identification card] registration, pursuant to the applicable patient registration provisions under section 32 of the Cannabis Law.

Subdivision (a) of section 113.5 is amended to read as follows:

(a) Designation of Caregivers. A certified patient may designate up to five (5) designated caregivers, not including designated caregiver facilities or the employees of a designated caregiver facility, in a manner determined by the Office. A designated caregiver shall be a natural person. The application for issuance or renewal of a [registry identification card] designated caregiver registration shall include the following information:

Subdivision (a) of section 113.13 is amended to read as follows:

(a) Medical cannabis products at a dispensing site shall only be dispensed by authorized employees, twenty-one (21) years of age or older, of the registered organization, under the in-person supervision of an individual with an active New York State pharmacist license as defined in Article 137 of the Education Law, who has completed [at minimum a two (2) hour course] the training required pursuant to this Part.

Subdivision (g) of section 113.13 is amended to read as follows:

(g) Dispensing sites shall not dispense medical cannabis products to anyone other than a certified patient, designated caregiver, research license holder, unless as permitted by subsection q of this section or unless such registered organization, pursuant to Article 4 of the Cannabis Law, is authorized by the Office to sell cannabis for adult use for retail sale.

Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (h) of section 113.13 is amended to read as follows:

(i) a valid certification from a practitioner, as defined in Article 1 of the Cannabis Law, and issued in accordance with, Article 3 of the Cannabis Law[, which shall also serve as the certified patient's registry card]; and

Subdivisions (j) through (o) of section 113.13 are relettered (k) through (p) and a new subdivision (j) is added to read as follows:

(j) If, at any time, any unauthorized person accesses patient certification or designated caregiver data, or if there is evidence of tampering or fraud, the authorized representative of the registered organization shall promptly notify the office.

Subdivision (q) is added to section 113.13 and reads as follows:

(q) A registered organization is authorized to dispense medical cannabis or medical cannabis products to medical cannabis patients certified by other States within the United States, the District of Columbia, a United States Commonwealth or possessions, if the patient presents proof of a certification, registration, or the equivalent for their state and a valid government issued photo identification.

(1) Registered organizations dispensing medical cannabis or cannabis products under this subdivision must:

(i) save a copy of the identification and certification presented and retain the records for 6 years

(ii) meet all requirements for reporting dispensed medical cannabis products in 113.18; and

(iii) implement a standard operating procedures for handling transactions for eligible patients from jurisdictions outside of New York State.

Subdivision (d) and (e) of section 113.22 are amended to read as follows:

(d) No employee of a registered organization shall counsel a certified patient or designated caregiver on the use, administration of, and the risks associated with medical cannabis products, unless the employee is a pharmacist or a practitioner as defined in article 1 of the Cannabis Law, with an active New York State license, registration or certification who has completed **[at minimum a two hour course]** the training required pursuant to section 113.2 of this Part, or the employee is, 21 years of age or older and under the direct supervision of, and in consultation with, such practitioner, or the pharmacist working at the dispensing site.

(e) No certified patient or designated caregiver shall be in possession of medical cannabis products above the possession limits as defined in Penal Law or at any time medical cannabis products are possessed by a patient or designated caregiver under **[21]** 18 years of age without having in their possession:

(1) Patient's valid certification; and

(2) Other forms of identification or documentation as provided by this Part or as determined by the Office to verify that the certified patient or designated caregiver is authorized to possess medical cannabis products.

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of section 113.24 is amended to read as follows:

(1) the patient's certification from a practitioner, as defined in Article 1 of the Cannabis Law, and issued in accordance with Article 3 of the Cannabis Law, which shall also serve as the patient/designated caregiver **[registry identification card]** registration; and



Summary of s3294a Amendments

1. Eliminates patient registration from Article 3 of the Cannabis Law to mirror similar changes made in Part 113 of the regulations to allow the patient or designated caregiver to receive a certification from a practitioner directly in the form of a unique code identifier rather than having to register with the Office separately also.
2. Removes the requirement that practitioners check the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) database when certifying patients.
3. Removes the requirement that pharmacists check the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) database when dispensing to patients.
4. Extends medical cannabis patient certifications from 1 year to 2 years.
5. Removes the 2-hour course requirement for practitioners and allows the Board to determine by regulation what appropriate training would be for practitioners to certify patients.
6. Allows patients and designated caregivers to possess the Penal Law limits (3 ounces cannabis/ 24 grams concentrate) or a 60-day supply of medical cannabis, whichever is greater.
7. Allows 18-year-olds to serve as a designated caregiver.
8. Bolsters patient protections to ensure that maintenance and access of records would comply with HIPAA, as well as with all privacy and confidentiality protections afforded to individuals under the law.
9. Allows for reciprocity with patients from other states with medical cannabis programs.
10. Authorizes certified patients and designated caregivers 18 years old and up to cultivate medical cannabis at home premises. As already covered in law, it would be unlawful for these individuals to sell such cannabis to any person for compensation.

Per TD- Section 1 (definitions), §2 (certification/designated caregivers), §4 (RO certifications), §5 (reciprocity) and §6 (RO sales & record keeping) are effective 90 days from today but require regulations to implement.