



To: All New York State Adult-Use Distributor, Microbusiness & Retail Licensees
From: NYS Office of Cannabis Management
Date: March 23, 2026
Subject: **FINAL REMINDER: March 31 Deadline for Metrc Transfer Requirements**

Dear Licensee,

This is a final reminder that **beginning April 1, 2026**, all cannabis products transferred from licensed distributors, including microbusinesses performing distribution activities, to licensed cannabis dispensaries **must** have:

- A Retail Item ID QR code on each unit; **and**
- A "TestPassed" or "RetestPassed" status associated with each package to transfer.

After March 31, 2026, **no licensee** will be able to transfer finished goods to a retailer without both a Retail Item ID on each unit and an associated "TestPassed" or "RetestPassed" status in Metrc.

Licensees performing distribution activities who continue to transfer cannabis products to dispensaries after March 31, 2026, without a Retail Item ID QR code on each unit and an associated "TestPassed" or "RetestPassed" status in Metrc will be out of compliance with state regulations and may be subject to regulatory action.

Additional Reminders:

- Dispensaries may continue to sell products received into inventory **prior to April 1, 2026**, up to the labeled expiration date, **even if the products do not have a Retail Item ID QR code or "TestPassed" or "RetestPassed" status in Metrc.**
- Effective **December 17, 2025**, **every package** transferred from distributors to dispensaries **must** have a Package UID affixed.
- Distributors are **not allowed** to transfer multiple packages to dispensaries using a single Package UID, even if the packages contain the same product type and batch ID.
- Distributors who continue to send multiple packages under one Package UID will be out of compliance with state regulations and may be subject to regulatory action.

If you have questions, please contact STS@ocm.ny.gov and include your license number in the subject line for the fastest response. For Metrc system access or support, use the [Metrc Support Portal](#) or call 1-877-566-6506.

Thank you,
NYS Office of Cannabis Management