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To: All New York State Adult-Use Licensees
From: NYS Office of Cannabis Management
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Subject: **Important Announcement: State-Paid Metrc Inventory Tag Update**

Dear Licensee,

As a result of additional funding provided by Governor Hochul in the 2026-2027 Enacted Budget, the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) is pleased to announce that effective **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**, OCM will begin providing licensees with access to **State-paid Metrc inventory tags**.

Through the Metrc platform, licensees will be able to access an allotment of state-paid inventory tracking tags based on the on-hand inventory of state-paid tags at the licensed location. On-hand inventory means any inventory tracking tag that has been ordered, but not yet applied to a plant, package, or finished good unit. Utilizing the on-hand inventory of tags as a threshold will help spread benefit of State-Paid tags to the largest number of licensees.

Based on estimates of anticipated inventory tag usage, OCM projects the State-Paid inventory tags will cover most inventory tag costs for licensees for a 12-month period. OCM will notify licensees if there are any changes to either the projections or budget allocation related to State-Paid inventory tags.

The tables below outline State-Paid inventory tag maximum on-hand limits by licensed facility type:

Licensed Activity*	Cannabis Plant UIDs	Cannabis Package UIDs
Cultivation	24,000	6,000
Manufacturing/Processing	n/a	10,000
Distribution	n/a	10,000
Dispensary	n/a	10,000
Testing Laboratory	n/a	1,000

*Vertically integrated licensees (Microbusinesses, RO's, ROD's and ROND's) may access State-Paid inventory tags for each activity they are authorized to perform on their license.

Licensed Activity	Monthly Retail Item ID Allotment
Cultivation	n/a
Manufacturing/Processing	125,000
Distributor	n/a
Dispensary	n/a
Testing Laboratory	n/a

Important Notes:

- Past tag purchases will not be reimbursed by OCM.
- Licensees will be responsible for paying for any inventory tag orders exceeding the amount of state-paid complimentary inventory tags
- Licensees are responsible for paying shipping costs for all applicable inventory tag orders.
- An inventory tag becomes "used" when it is associated with a plant, product or package in the Metrc system.
- Please review the Metrc Bulletin for step-by-step instructions on how to order your complimentary inventory tags in your Metrc account.

For more information on Seed-to-Sale, please visit: cannabis.ny.gov/seed-to-sale
If you have questions regarding state-paid inventory tags, please contact the OCM at STS@ocm.ny.gov.

Thank you,
NYS Office of Cannabis Management