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Cannabis Amendments

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to medical cannabis.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

- 7 This bill:
 - defines terms:
- 9 allows for additional medical cannabis pharmacies;
- creates a new medical cannabis pharmacy license for independent medical cannabis
- 11 pharmacies;
- creates ownership restrictions for independent medical cannabis pharmacies;
- 13 ► merges advertising sections;
- 14 allows a cannabis processing facility to have a website that includes product information;
- 15 limits the number of licenses that the Department of Agriculture and Food (department)
- may issue for cannabis processing facilities;
- 17 amends provisions regarding when the department may seize products and test products;
- 18 amends provisions related to information a medical cannabis pharmacy must have
- 19 available to a patient purchasing medical cannabis;
- requires the department to provide a website displaying certificates of analysis;
- creates a reporting requirement for the department;
- repeals sections related to the state central patient portal;
- creates a medical cannabis ombudsman;
- creates a cannabis product transparency website;
- 25 moves the repeal of the Cannabis Research Review Board earlier one year;
- 26 extends the repeal date for the Medical Cannabis Governance Structure Working Group;
- 27 and
- 28 makes technical and conforming changes.

29 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

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31	Other Special Clauses:
32	None
33	Utah Code Sections Affected:
34	AMENDS:
35	4-41a-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 217, 238 and 240
36	4-41a-110, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 273
37	4-41a-205, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 12
38	4-41a-701, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 313, 317
39	4-41a-801, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session,
40	Chapter 1
41	4-41a-801.1, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 273, 307 and
42	last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307
43	4-41a-802, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 217
44	4-41a-1003, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 435 and renumbered and
45	amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 273, 307 and last amended by Coordination Clause,
46	Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307
47	4-41a-1005, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 217
48	4-41a-1101, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 217
49	4-41a-1201, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 273
50	4-41a-1202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 217, 240
51	4-41a-1203, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 273, 307 and
52	last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307
53	26B-1-310, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 273, 281 and renumbered
54	and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 305 and last amended by Coordination Clause,
55	Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 305
56	26B-1-435, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 238, 240
57	26B-4-201, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 217, 240
58	26B-4-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 217, 240
59	26B-4-214, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 240
60	26B-4-222, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 240
61	26B-4-243, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 281
62	26B-4-247, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 273
63	63I-2-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5

63I-2-226, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5

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65 **63I-2-236**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5 66 **ENACTS:** 67 **4-41a-1006**, Utah Code Annotated 1953 68 **13-1-19**, Utah Code Annotated 1953 69 **26B-4-248**, Utah Code Annotated 1953 70 REPEALS AND REENACTS: 71 4-41a-109, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 317 and renumbered and 72 amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 273, 307 and last amended by Coordination Clause, 73 Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307 74 **REPEALS:** 75 **4-41a-403**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 327 76 **4-41a-604**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 217 77 4-41a-1104, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 317 and renumbered and 78 amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 273, 307 and last amended by Coordination Clause, 79 Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307 80 26B-4-236, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 273, 317 and renumbered 81 and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307 and last amended by Coordination Clause, 82 Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307 83 84 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:* 85 Section 1. Section **4-41a-102** is amended to read: 86 4-41a-102 . Definitions. 87 As used in this chapter: 88 (1) "Adulterant" means any poisonous or deleterious substance in a quantity that may be 89 injurious to health, including: 90 (a) pesticides; 91 (b) heavy metals; 92 (c) solvents; 93 (d) microbial life; 94 (e) artificially derived cannabinoid; 95 (f) toxins; or 96 (g) foreign matter. 97 (2) "Advertise" or "advertising" means information provided by a person in any medium:

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(a) to the public; and

99	(b) that is not age restricted to an individual who is at least 21 years old.
100	(3) "Advisory board" means the Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board created in
101	Section 26B-1-435.
102	(4)(a) "Anticompetitive business practice" means any practice that reduces the amount
103	of competition in the medical cannabis market that would be considered an attempt to
104	monopolize, as defined in Section 76-10-3103.
105	(b) "Anticompetitive business practice" may include:
106	(i) agreements that may be considered unreasonable when competitors interact to the
107	extent that they are:
108	(A) no longer acting independently; or
109	(B) when collaborating are able to wield market power together;
110	(ii) monopolizing or attempting to monopolize trade by:
111	(A) acting to maintain or acquire a dominant position in the market; or
112	(B) preventing new entry into the market; or
113	(iii) other conduct outlined in rule.
114	(5)(a) "Artificially derived cannabinoid" means a chemical substance that is created by
115	a chemical reaction that changes the molecular structure of any chemical substance
116	derived from the cannabis plant.
117	(b) "Artificially derived cannabinoid" does not include:
118	(i) a naturally occurring chemical substance that is separated from the cannabis plant
119	by a chemical or mechanical extraction process; or
120	(ii) a cannabinoid that is produced by decarboxylation from a naturally occurring
121	cannabinoid acid without the use of a chemical catalyst.
122	(6) "Batch" means a quantity of:
123	(a) cannabis extract produced on a particular date and time, produced between
124	completion of equipment and facility sanitation protocols until the next required
125	sanitation cycle during which lots of cannabis are used;
126	(b) cannabis product produced on a particular date and time, produced between
127	completion of equipment and facility sanitation protocols until the next required
128	sanitation cycle during which cannabis extract is used; or
129	(c) cannabis flower packaged on a particular date and time, produced between
130	completion of equipment and facility sanitation protocols until the next required
131	sanitation cycle during which lots of cannabis are being used.
132	[(6)] (7) "Cannabis Research Review Board" means the Cannabis Research Review Board

133	created in Section 26B-1-420.
134	[(7)] (8) "Cannabis" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-4-201.
135	[(8)] (9) "Cannabis concentrate" means:
136	(a) the product of any chemical or physical process applied to naturally occurring
137	biomass that concentrates or isolates the cannabinoids contained in the biomass; and
138	(b) any amount of a natural cannabinoid or artificially derived cannabinoid in an
139	artificially derived cannabinoid's purified state.
140	[(9)] (10) "Cannabis cultivation byproduct" means any portion of a cannabis plant that is not
141	intended to be sold as a cannabis plant product.
142	[(10)] (11) "Cannabis cultivation facility" means a person that:
143	(a) possesses cannabis;
144	(b) grows or intends to grow cannabis; and
145	(c) sells or intends to sell cannabis to a cannabis cultivation facility, a cannabis
146	processing facility, or a medical cannabis research licensee.
147	[(11)] (12) "Cannabis cultivation facility agent" means an individual who
148	holds a valid cannabis production establishment agent registration card with a cannabis
149	cultivation facility designation.
150	[(12)] (13) "Cannabis derivative product" means a product made using cannabis concentrate.
151	[(13)] (14) "Cannabis plant product" means any portion of a cannabis plant intended to be
152	sold in a form that is recognizable as a portion of a cannabis plant.
153	[(14)] (15) "Cannabis processing facility" means a person that:
154	(a) acquires or intends to acquire cannabis from a cannabis production establishment;
155	(b) possesses cannabis with the intent to manufacture a cannabis product;
156	(c) manufactures or intends to manufacture a cannabis product from unprocessed
157	cannabis or a cannabis extract; and
158	(d) sells or intends to sell a cannabis product to a medical cannabis pharmacy or a
159	medical cannabis research licensee.
160	[(15)] (16) "Cannabis processing facility agent" means an individual who
161	holds a valid cannabis production establishment agent registration card with a cannabis
162	processing facility designation.
163	[(16)] (17) "Cannabis product" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-4-201.
164	[(17)] (18) "Cannabis production establishment" means a cannabis cultivation facility, a
165	cannabis processing facility, or an independent cannabis testing laboratory.
166	[(18)] (19) "Cannabis production establishment agent" means a cannabis cultivation facility

167	agent, a cannabis processing facility agent, or an independent cannabis testing laboratory
168	agent.
169	[(19)] (20) "Cannabis production establishment agent registration card" means a registration
170	card that the department issues that:
171	(a) authorizes an individual to act as a cannabis production establishment agent; and
172	(b) designates the type of cannabis production establishment for which an individual is
173	authorized to act as an agent.
174	[(20)] (21) "Closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy" means a facility operated by a home
175	delivery medical cannabis pharmacy for delivering [eannabis or a medical cannabis
176	product] medical cannabis.
177	[(21)] (22) "Community location" means a public or private elementary or secondary school
178	a church, a public library, a public playground, or a public park.
179	[(22)] (23) "Cultivation space" means, quantified in square feet, the horizontal area in which
180	a cannabis cultivation facility cultivates cannabis, including each level of horizontal area
181	if the cannabis cultivation facility hangs, suspends, stacks, or otherwise positions plants
182	above other plants in multiple levels.
183	[(23)] <u>(24)</u> "Delivery address" means:
184	(a) for a medical cannabis cardholder who is not a facility:
185	(i) the medical cannabis cardholder's home address; or
186	(ii) an address designated by the medical cannabis cardholder that:
187	(A) is the medical cannabis cardholder's workplace; and
188	(B) is not a community location; or
189	(b) for a medical cannabis cardholder that is a facility, the facility's address.
190	[(24)] (25) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and Food.
191	[(25)] (26) "Family member" means a parent, step-parent, spouse, child, sibling,
192	step-sibling, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, first cousin, mother-in-law, father-in-law,
193	brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild.
194	[(26)] (27) "Government issued photo identification" means the same as that term is defined
195	in Section 26B-4-201, including expired identification in accordance with Section
196	26B-4-244.
197	[(27)] (28) "Home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy" means a medical cannabis
198	pharmacy that the department authorizes, as part of the pharmacy's license, to deliver
199	medical cannabis shipments to a delivery address to fulfill electronic orders[-that the
200	state central patient portal facilitates].

201	[(28)] (29)(a) "Independent cannabis testing laboratory" means a person that:
202	(i) conducts a chemical or other analysis of cannabis or a cannabis product; or
203	(ii) acquires, possesses, and transports cannabis or a cannabis product with the intent
204	to conduct a chemical or other analysis of the cannabis or cannabis product.
205	(b) "Independent cannabis testing laboratory" includes a laboratory that the department
206	or a research university operates in accordance with Subsection 4-41a-201(14).
207	[(29)] (30) "Independent cannabis testing laboratory agent" means an individual who
208	holds a valid cannabis production establishment agent registration card with an
209	independent cannabis testing laboratory designation.
210	[(30)] (31) "Inventory control system" means a system described in Section 4-41a-103.
211	[(31)] (32) "Licensing board" or "board" means the Cannabis Production Establishment and
212	Pharmacy Licensing Advisory Board created in Section 4-41a-201.1.
213	[(32)] (33) "Medical cannabis" or "medical cannabis product" means the same as that term is
214	defined in Section 26B-4-201.
215	[(33)] (34) "Medical cannabis card" means the same as that term is defined in Section
216	26B-4-201.
217	[(34)] (35) "Medical cannabis courier" means a courier that:
218	(a) the department licenses in accordance with Section 4-41a-1201; and
219	(b) contracts with a home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy to deliver medical
220	cannabis shipments to fulfill electronic orders[-that the state central patient portal
221	facilitates].
222	[(35)] (36) "Medical cannabis courier agent" means an individual who:
223	(a) is an employee of a medical cannabis courier; and
224	(b) who holds a valid medical cannabis courier agent registration card.
225	(37) "Medical cannabis ombudsman" means the ombudsman created in Section 13-1-9.
226	[(36)] (38) "Medical cannabis pharmacy" means the same as that term is defined in Section
227	26B-4-201.
228	[(37)] (39) "Medical cannabis pharmacy agent" means the same as that term is defined in
229	Section 26B-4-201.
230	[(38)] (40) "Medical cannabis research license" means a license that the department issues to
231	a research university for the purpose of obtaining and possessing medical cannabis for
232	academic research.
233	[(39)] (41) "Medical cannabis research licensee" means a research university that the
234	department licenses to obtain and possess medical cannabis for academic research, in

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- accordance with Section 4-41a-901.
- 236 [(40)] (42) "Medical cannabis shipment" means a shipment of medical cannabis that a home
- delivery medical cannabis pharmacy or a medical cannabis courier delivers to a delivery
- address to fulfill an electronic medical cannabis order that the state central patient portal
- 239 <u>facilitates</u>].
- 240 [(41)] (43) "Medical cannabis treatment" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 241 26B-4-201.
- 242 [(42)] (44) "Medicinal dosage form" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 243 26B-4-201.
- 244 (45) "Patient product information insert" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 245 26B-4-201.
- 246 [(43)] (46) "Pharmacy ownership limit" means an amount equal to 30% of the total number
- of medical cannabis pharmacy licenses issued by the department rounded down to the
- nearest whole number.
- 249 [(44)] (47) "Pharmacy medical provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 250 26B-4-201.
- 251 [(45)] (48) "Qualified medical provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 252 26B-4-201.
- 253 [(46)] (49) "Qualified Production Enterprise Fund" means the fund created in Section
- 254 4-41a-104.
- 255 [(47)] (50) "Recommending medical provider" means the same as that term is defined in
- 256 Section 26B-4-201.
- 257 [(48)] (51) "Research university" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 53B-7-702 and a private, nonprofit college or university in the state that:
- 259 (a) is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities;
- (b) grants doctoral degrees; and
- (c) has a laboratory containing or a program researching a schedule I controlled
- substance described in Section 58-37-4.
- 263 [(49)] (52) "State electronic verification system" means the system described in Section
- 264 26B-4-202.
- 265 [(50)] (53) "Targeted marketing" means the promotion of [a cannabis product] medical
- 266 cannabis, a medical cannabis brand, or a medical cannabis device using any of the
- 267 following methods:
- 268 (a) electronic communication to an individual who is at least 21 years old and has

269	requested to receive promotional information;
270	(b) an in-person marketing event that is:
271	(i) held inside a medical cannabis pharmacy; and
272	(ii) in an area where only a medical cannabis cardholder may access the event;
273	(c) other marketing material that is physically available or digitally displayed in a
274	medical cannabis pharmacy; or
275	(d) a leaflet a medical cannabis pharmacy places in the opaque package or box that is
276	provided to an individual when obtaining medical cannabis:
277	(i) in the medical cannabis pharmacy;
278	(ii) at the medical cannabis pharmacy's drive-through pick up window; or
279	(iii) in a medical cannabis shipment.
280	[(51)] (54) "Tetrahydrocannabinol" or "THC" means the same as that term is defined in
281	Section 4-41-102.
282	[(52)] (55) "THC analog" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41-102.
283	[(53)] (56) "Total composite tetrahydrocannabinol" means all detectable forms of
284	tetrahydrocannabinol.
285	[(54)] (57) "Total tetrahydrocannabinol" or "total THC" means the same as that term is
286	defined in Section 4-41-102.
287	Section 2. Section 4-41a-109 is repealed and reenacted to read:
288	<u>4-41a-109</u> . Advertising.
289	(1) Except as provided in this section and Section 26B-4-204:
290	(a) a person may not advertise:
291	(i) regarding the recommendation, sale, dispensing, or transportation of medical
292	<u>cannabis;</u>
293	(ii) a promotional discount or incentive related to medical cannabis;
294	(iii) a particular medical cannabis product, medical cannabis device, medical
295	cannabis brand, or medicinal dosage form;
296	(iv) an assurance of a medical outcome related to a medical cannabis treatment; or
297	(v) regarding a medical cannabis pharmacy or the dispensing of medical cannabis
298	within the state; and
299	(b) a cannabis production establishment may not advertise to the general public in any
300	medium.
301	(2)(a) A nonprofit organization that offers financial assistance for medical cannabis
302	treatment to low-income patients may advertise the organization's assistance if the

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303	advertisement does not relate to a specific:
304	(i) medical cannabis pharmacy;
305	(ii) medical cannabis product;
306	(iii) medical cannabis courier; or
307	(iv) cannabis production facility.
308	(b) A medical cannabis pharmacy may provide information regarding subsidies for the
309	cost of medical cannabis treatment to patients who affirmatively accept receipt of the
310	subsidy information.
311	(3) A medical cannabis pharmacy may:
312	(a) advertise an employment opportunity at the medical cannabis pharmacy;
313	(b) notwithstanding any municipal or county ordinance prohibiting signage, use signage
314	on the outside of the medical cannabis pharmacy that:
315	(i) includes only:
316	(A) in accordance with Subsection (7), the medical cannabis pharmacy's name,
317	logo, and hours of operation; and
318	(B) a green cross; and
319	(ii) complies with local ordinances regulating signage;
320	(c) advertise in any medium:
321	(i) the pharmacy's name and logo;
322	(ii) the location and hours of operation of the medical cannabis pharmacy;
323	(iii) a service available at the medical cannabis pharmacy;
324	(iv) personnel affiliated with the medical cannabis pharmacy;
325	(v) whether the medical cannabis pharmacy is licensed as a home delivery medical
326	cannabis pharmacy:
327	(vi) best practices that the medical cannabis pharmacy upholds; and
328	(vii) educational material related to the medical use of cannabis, as defined by the
329	department;
330	(d) hold an educational event for the public or medical providers in accordance with
331	Subsection (6) and rules made under Subsection (8);
332	(e) maintain on the medical cannabis pharmacy's website non-promotional information
333	regarding the medical cannabis pharmacy's inventory; or
334	(f) engage in targeted marketing, as determined by the department through rule, for
335	advertising a particular medical cannabis product, medical cannabis device, or
336	medical cannabis brand

337	(4) A licensed home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy or a licensed medical cannabis
338	courier may advertise:
339	(a) a green cross;
340	(b) the pharmacy's or courier's name and logo; and
341	(c) that the pharmacy or courier is licensed to transport medical cannabis shipments.
342	(5)(a) A cannabis production establishment may:
343	(i) advertise an employment opportunity at the cannabis production establishment;
344	(ii) maintain a website that:
345	(A) contains information about the establishment and employees; and
346	(B) except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), does not advertise any medical
347	cannabis product or medical cannabis device;
348	(iii) notwithstanding any municipal or county ordinance prohibiting signage, use
349	signage on the outside of the cannabis production establishment that:
350	(A) includes only:
351	(I) in accordance with Subsection (7), the cannabis production establishment's
352	name, logo, and hours of operation; and
353	(II) a green cross; and
354	(B) complies with local ordinances regulating signage; and
355	(iv) hold an educational event for the public or medical providers in accordance with
356	Subsection (6) and rules made under Subsection (8).
357	(b) A cannabis processing facility may:
358	(i) maintain a website that contains information regarding:
359	(A) medical cannabis produced by the cannabis processing facility; and
360	(B) where medical cannabis produced by the cannabis processing facility may be
361	purchased in the state; and
362	(ii) engage in targeted marketing, as determined by the department through rule, for
363	advertising a particular medical cannabis product, medical cannabis device, or
364	medical cannabis brand.
365	(6) A medical cannabis pharmacy or cannabis production establishment may not include in
366	an educational event:
367	(a) any topic that conflicts with this chapter or Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid
368	Research and Medical Cannabis;
369	(b) any gift items or merchandise other than educational materials, as those terms are
370	defined by the department;

371	(c) any marketing for a specific product from the establishment or any other statement,
372	claim, or information that would violate the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act,
373	21 U.S.C. Sec. 301, et seq.; or
374	(d) a presenter other than:
375	(i) for a cannabis production establishment, a cannabis production establishment
376	agent;
377	(ii) a pharmacist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act;
378	(iii) an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b,
379	Nurse Practice Act;
380	(iv) a physician licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or
381	Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;
382	(v) a physician assistant licensed under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Utah Physician
383	Assistant Act;
384	(vi) a medical practitioner, similar to a practitioner described in Subsections (6)(d)(ii)
385	through (v), who is licensed in another state or country;
386	(vii) a state employee; or
387	(viii) if the presentation relates to a cannabis topic other than medical treatment or
388	medical conditions, an individual whom the department approves based on the
389	individual's background and credentials in the presented topic.
390	(7) To ensure that the name and logo of a medical cannabis pharmacy or cannabis
391	production establishment have a medical rather than a recreational disposition, the name
392	and logo:
393	(a) may include terms and images associated with:
394	(i) a medical disposition, including "medical," "medicinal," "medicine," "pharmacy,"
395	"apothecary," "wellness," "therapeutic," "health," "care," "cannabis," "clinic,"
396	"compassionate," "relief," "treatment," and "patient"; or
397	(ii) the plant form of cannabis, including "leaf," "flower," and "bloom"; and
398	(b) may not include:
399	(i) any term, statement, design representation, picture, or illustration that is associated
400	with a recreational disposition or that appeals to children;
401	(ii) an emphasis on a psychoactive ingredient;
402	(iii) a specific cannabis strain; or
403	(iv) terms related to recreational marijuana, including "weed," "pot," "reefer,"
404	"grass," "hash," "ganja," "Mary Jane," "high," "buzz," "haze," "stoned," "joint,"

405	"bud," "smoke," "euphoria," "dank," "doobie," "kush," "frost," "cookies," "rec,"
406	"bake," "blunt," "combust," "bong," "budtender," "dab," "blaze," "toke," or "420."
407	(8) The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
408	Administrative Rulemaking Act:
409	(a) to define standards for advertising authorized under this section, including names and
410	logos in accordance with Subsection (7), to ensure a medical rather than recreational
411	disposition;
412	(b) to define educational material described in Subsection (3)(c)(vii);
413	(c) regarding an educational event as described in Subsection (6), including:
414	(i) a minimum age of 21 years old for attendees; and
415	(ii) an exception to the minimum age for a medical cannabis patient cardholder who
416	is at least 18 years old; and
417	(d) regarding targeted marketing as described in Subsections (3)(f) and (5)(b)(ii).
418	Section 3. Section 4-41a-110 is amended to read:
419	4-41a-110 . Department coordination.
420	(1) The department shall:
421	[(1)] (a) provide draft rules made under this chapter to:
422	(i) the advisory board for the advisory board's review; and
423	(ii) the medical cannabis ombudsman;
424	[(2)] (b) consult with the advisory board before issuing an additional:
425	[(a)] (i) cultivation facility license under Section 4-41a-205; or
426	[(b)] (ii) pharmacy license under Section 4-41a-1005;
427	[(3)] (c) consult with the advisory board regarding fees set by the department that pertain
428	to the medical cannabis program; and
429	[(4)] (d) when appropriate, consult with the advisory board regarding issues that arise in
430	the medical cannabis program.
431	(2) The department may not file a rule under Title 63G, Chapter 3, Administrative
432	Rulemaking Act, unless the medical cannabis ombudsman agrees the rule should be
433	<u>filed.</u>
434	Section 4. Section 4-41a-205 is amended to read:
435	4-41a-205 . Number of licenses Cannabis cultivation facilities Cannabis
436	processing facilities.
437	(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(a), the department shall issue at least five but not
438	more than eight licenses to operate a cannabis cultivation facility.

439	(2)(a) The department may issue a number of licenses to operate a cannabis cultivation
440	facility that, in addition to the licenses described in Subsection (1), does not cause the
441	total number of licenses to exceed 15 if the department determines, in consultation
442	with the Department of Health and Human Services and after an annual or more
443	frequent analysis of the current and anticipated market for medical cannabis, that
444	each additional license is necessary to provide an adequate supply, quality, or variety
445	of medical cannabis to medical cannabis cardholders.
446	(b) If the recipient of one of the initial licenses described in Subsection (1) ceases
447	operations for any reason or otherwise abandons the license, the department may but
448	is not required to grant the vacant license to another applicant based on an analysis as
449	described in Subsection (2)(a).
450	(3) If there are more qualified applicants than the number of available licenses for cannabis
451	cultivation facilities under Subsections (1) and (2), the department shall evaluate the
452	applicants and award the limited number of licenses described in Subsections (1) and (2)
453	to the applicants that best demonstrate:
454	(a) experience with establishing and successfully operating a business that involves:
455	(i) complying with a regulatory environment;
456	(ii) tracking inventory; and
457	(iii) training, evaluating, and monitoring employees;
458	(b) an operating plan that will best ensure the safety and security of patrons and the
459	community;
460	(c) positive connections to the local community; and
461	(d) the extent to which the applicant can increase efficiency and reduce the cost to
462	patients of medical cannabis.
463	(4) The department may conduct a face-to-face interview with an applicant for a license that
464	the department evaluates under Subsection (3).
465	(5) The licensing board may not issue more than 18 cannabis processing facility licenses.
466	Section 5. Section 4-41a-701 is amended to read:
467	4-41a-701. Cannabis and cannabis product testing.
468	(1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
469	department may make rules to:
470	(a) determine required adulterant tests for a cannabis plant product, cannabis
471	concentrate, or cannabis product;
472	(b) determine the amount of any adulterant that is safe for human consumption;

473	(c) immediately ban or limit the presence of any ingredient in a medical cannabis
474	product after receiving a recommendation to do so from a public health authority
475	under Section 26B-1-102;
476	(d) establish protocols for a recall of [eannabis or a cannabis product] medical cannabis
477	by a cannabis production establishment; or
478	(e) allow the propagation of testing results forward to derived product if the processing
479	steps the cannabis production establishment uses to produce the product are unlikely
480	to change the results of the test.
481	(2)(a) The department may require testing for a toxin if:
482	[(a)] (i) the department receives information indicating the potential presence of a
483	toxin; or
484	[(b)] (ii) the department's inspector has reason to believe a toxin may be present based
485	on the inspection of a facility.
486	(b) The department may not require a cannabis processor to test a cannabis batch or a
487	cannabis product batch a third time if the cannabis batch or cannabis product has
488	previously met all testing requirements after being tested by:
489	(i) the independent cannabis test laboratory; and
490	(ii) the department.
491	(3)(a) A cannabis production establishment may not:
492	(i) incorporate cannabis concentrate into a cannabis derivative product until an
493	independent cannabis testing laboratory tests the cannabis concentrate in
494	accordance with department rule; or
495	(ii) transfer cannabis or a cannabis product to a medical cannabis pharmacy until an
496	independent cannabis testing laboratory tests a representative sample of the
497	cannabis or cannabis product in accordance with department rule.
498	(b) A medical cannabis pharmacy may not offer any cannabis or cannabis product for
499	sale unless an independent cannabis testing laboratory has tested a representative
500	sample of the cannabis or cannabis product in accordance with department rule.
501	(4) Before the sale of a medical cannabis product, an independent cannabis testing
502	laboratory shall:
503	(a) identify and quantify any cannabinoid known to be present in [a] the medical
504	cannabis product; and
505	(b) test terpene profiles for the following products:
506	(i) raw cannabis; or

507	(ii) a cannabis product:
508	(A) contained in a vaporizer cartridge; or
509	(B) in concentrate form; and
510	(c) record the five highest terpene profiles tested under Subsection (4)(b).
511	(5) The department shall establish by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
512	Administrative Rulemaking Act, the standards, methods, practices, and procedures for
513	the testing of cannabis and cannabis products by independent cannabis testing
514	laboratories.
515	(6) The department may require an independent cannabis testing laboratory to participate in
516	a proficiency evaluation that the department conducts or that an organization that the
517	department approves conducts.
518	(7) Before January 1, 2026, the department shall create a website that allows the public to
519	view a medical cannabis product's certificate of analysis.
520	Section 6. Section 4-41a-801 is amended to read:
521	4-41a-801 . Enforcement Fine Citation.
522	(1) If a person that is a cannabis production establishment or a cannabis production
523	establishment agent violates this chapter, the department may:
524	(a) revoke the person's license or cannabis production establishment agent registration
525	card;
526	(b) decline to renew the person's license or cannabis production establishment agent
527	registration card; or
528	(c) assess the person an administrative penalty that the department establishes by rule in
529	accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
530	(2) The department shall deposit an administrative penalty imposed under this section into
531	the General Fund.
532	(3)(a) The department may take an action described in Subsection (3)(b) if the
533	department concludes, upon investigation, that[, for a person that is] a cannabis
534	production establishment or a cannabis production establishment agent[:]
535	[(i) the person] has violated the provisions of this chapter, a rule made under this
536	chapter, or an order issued under this chapter[; or] .
537	[(ii) the person produced cannabis or a cannabis product batch that contains a
538	substance, other than cannabis, that poses a significant threat to human health.]
539	(b) If the department makes the determination about a person described in Subsection
540	(3)(a), the department shall:

541	(i) issue the person a written administrative citation;
542	(ii) attempt to negotiate a stipulated settlement;
543	[(iii) seize, embargo, or destroy the cannabis or cannabis product batch;]
544	[(iv)] (iii) order the person to cease and desist from the action that creates a violation
545	and
546	[(v)] (iv) direct the person to appear before an adjudicative proceeding conducted
547	under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
548	(c) If the department concludes, upon investigation, that a cannabis production
549	establishment or a cannabis production establishment agent has produced a cannabis
550	batch or a cannabis product batch that contains a substance that poses a significant
551	threat to human health, the department shall seize, embargo, or destroy the cannabis
552	batch or cannabis product batch.
553	(4)(a) The department may, for a person subject to an uncontested citation, a stipulated
554	settlement, or a finding of a violation in an adjudicative proceeding under this
555	section, for a fine amount not already specified in law, assess the person, who is not
556	an individual, a fine of up to \$5,000 per violation, in accordance with a fine schedule
557	that the department establishes by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
558	Administrative Rulemaking Act.
559	(b) The department may not issue a fine described in Subsection (4)(a) or other
560	monetary administrative penalty under this chapter unless the department determines
561	that the conduct justifying the fine undermines public health or violates a statutory
562	provision.
563	(5) The department may not revoke a cannabis production establishment's license without
564	first directing the cannabis production establishment to appear before an adjudicative
565	proceeding conducted under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
566	(6) If within $[2\theta]$ $\underline{30}$ calendar days after the day on which a department serves a citation for
567	a violation of this chapter, the person that is the subject of the citation fails to request a
568	hearing to contest the citation, the citation becomes the department's final order.
569	(7) The department may, for a person who fails to comply with a citation under this section:
570	(a) refuse to issue or renew the person's license or cannabis production establishment
571	agent registration card; or
572	(b) suspend, revoke, or place on probation the person's license or cannabis production
573	establishment registration card.
574	(8)(a) Except where a criminal penalty is expressly provided for a specific violation of

575	this chapter, if an individual:		
576	(i) violates a provision of this chapter, the individual is:		
577	(A) guilty of an infraction; and		
578	(B) subject to a \$100 fine; or		
579	(ii) intentionally or knowingly violates a provision of this chapter or violates this		
580	chapter three or more times, the individual is:		
581	(A) guilty of a class B misdemeanor; and		
582	(B) subject to a \$1,000 fine.		
583	(b) An individual who is guilty of a violation described in Subsection (8)(a) is not guilty		
584	of a violation of Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act, for the		
585	conduct underlying the violation described in Subsection (8)(a).		
586	(9) Nothing in this section prohibits the department from referring potential criminal		
587	activity to law enforcement.		
588	(10) An appeal of a fine or monetary administrative penalty under this section shall be		
589	conducted as a formal proceeding with an administrative law judge in accordance with		
590	Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.		
591	Section 7. Section 4-41a-801.1 is amended to read:		
592	4-41a-801.1 . Enforcement for medical cannabis pharmacies and couriers Fine		
593	Citation.		
594	(1)(a) The department may, for a medical cannabis pharmacy's or a medical cannabis		
595	courier's violation of this chapter or an applicable administrative rule:		
596	(i) revoke the medical cannabis pharmacy or medical cannabis courier license;		
597	(ii) refuse to renew the medical cannabis pharmacy or medical cannabis courier		
598	license; or		
599	(iii) assess the medical cannabis pharmacy or medical cannabis courier an		
600	administrative penalty.		
601	(b) The department may, for a medical cannabis pharmacy agent's or medical cannabis		
602	courier agent's violation of this chapter:		
603	(i) revoke the medical cannabis pharmacy agent or medical cannabis courier agent		
604	registration card;		
605	(ii) refuse to renew the medical cannabis pharmacy agent or medical cannabis courier		
606	agent registration card; or		
607	(iii) assess the medical cannabis pharmacy agent or medical cannabis courier agent an		
608	administrative penalty.		

609	(2) The department shall deposit an administrative penalty imposed under this section into
610	the General Fund.
611	(3)(a) For a person subject to an uncontested citation, a stipulated settlement, or a
612	finding of a violation in an adjudicative proceeding under this section, the department
613	may:
614	[(a)] (i) for a fine amount not already specified in law, assess the person a fine of up
615	to \$5,000 per violation, in accordance with a fine schedule that the department
616	establishes by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
617	Rulemaking Act; or
618	[(b)] (ii) order the person to cease and desist from the action that creates a violation.
619	(b) The department may not issue a fine described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) or other
620	monetary administrative penalty under this chapter unless the department determines
621	that the conduct justifying the fine undermines public health or violates a statutory
622	provision.
623	(4) The department may not revoke a medical cannabis pharmacy's license or a medical
624	cannabis courier's license without first directing the medical cannabis pharmacy or the
625	medical cannabis courier to appear before an adjudicative proceeding conducted under
626	Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
627	(5) If, within $[20]$ 30 calendar days after the day on which the department issues a citation
628	for a violation of this chapter, the person that is the subject of the citation fails to request
629	a hearing to contest the citation, the citation becomes the department's final order.
630	(6) The department may, for a person who fails to comply with a citation under this section:
631	(a) refuse to issue or renew the person's license or agent registration card; or
632	(b) suspend, revoke, or place on probation the person's license or agent registration card.
633	(7)(a) Except where a criminal penalty is expressly provided for a specific violation of
634	this chapter, if an individual violates a provision of this chapter, the individual is:
635	(i) guilty of an infraction; and
636	(ii) subject to a \$100 fine.
637	(b) An individual who is guilty of a violation described in Subsection (7)(a) is not guilty
638	of a violation of Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act, for the
639	conduct underlying the violation described in Subsection (7)(a).
640	(8) An appeal of a fine or monetary administrative penalty under this section shall be
641	conducted as a formal proceeding with an administrative law judge in accordance with
642	Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

643	Section 8. Section 4-41a-802 is amended to read:	
644	4-41a-802 . Report.	
645	(1) At or before the November interim meeting each year, the department shall report to the	
646	Health and Human Services Interim Committee on:	
647	(a) the number of applications and renewal applications that the department receives	
648	under this chapter;	
649	(b) the number of each type of cannabis production facility that the department licenses	
650	in each county;	
651	(c) the amount of cannabis that licensees grow;	
652	(d) the amount of cannabis that licensees manufacture into cannabis products;	
653	(e) the number of licenses the department revokes under this chapter;	
654	(f) the department's operation of an independent cannabis testing laboratory under	
655	Section 4-41a-201, including:	
656	(i) the cannabis and cannabis products the department tested; and	
657	(ii) the results of the tests the department performed;	
658	(g) the expenses incurred and revenues generated under this chapter; and	
659	(h) an analysis of product availability in medical cannabis pharmacies in consultation	
660	with the Department of Health and Human Services.	
661	(2) The department may not include personally identifying information in the report	
662	described in this section.	
663	(3) The department shall report to the working group described in Section 36-12-8.2 as	
664	requested by the working group.	
665	(4)(a) Before August 1, of each year, the department shall provide a report to the	
666	working group described in Section 36-12-8.2 that provides the following for each	
667	fine issued by the department under this chapter:	
668	(i) the date of the fine;	
669	(ii) the reference to statute or rule that was violated for each fine issued; and	
670	(iii) a short description explaining why the fine was issued.	
671	(b) The report described in Subsection (4)(a) may not include identifying information of	
672	the person that was subject to the fine.	
673	Section 9. Section 4-41a-1003 is amended to read:	
674	4-41a-1003 . Renewal - Notice of available license.	
675	(1) The department shall renew a license [under Sections 4-41a-1001 through 4-41a-1005]	
676	issued under this part every year if, at the time of renewal:	

677	(a) the licensee meets the requirements of Section 4-41a-1001;
678	(b) the licensee pays the department a license renewal fee in an amount that, subject to
679	Subsection 4-41a-1004(5), the department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
680	and
681	(c) if the medical cannabis pharmacy changes the operating plan described in Section
682	4-41a-1004 that the department approved under Subsection 4-41a-1001(2)(b)(iv), the
683	department approves the new operating plan.
684	(2)(a) If a licensed medical cannabis pharmacy abandons the medical cannabis
685	pharmacy's license, the department shall publish notice of an available license, for
686	the geographic area in which the medical cannabis pharmacy license is available, as a
687	class A notice under Section 63G-30-102, for at least seven days.
688	(b) The department may establish criteria, in collaboration with the Division of
689	Professional Licensing and the Board of Pharmacy and in accordance with Title 63G,
690	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to identify the medical cannabis
691	pharmacy actions that constitute abandonment of a medical cannabis pharmacy
692	license.
693	(3) If the department has not completed the necessary processes to make a determination on
694	a license renewal under Subsections (1)(a) and (c) before the expiration of a license, the
695	department may issue a conditional medical cannabis pharmacy license to a licensed
696	medical cannabis pharmacy that has applied for license renewal under this section and
697	paid the fee described in Subsection (1)(b).
698	Section 10. Section 4-41a-1005 is amended to read:
699	4-41a-1005 . Maximum number of licenses.
700	(1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b) or (d), if a sufficient number of
701	applicants apply, the department shall issue up to $[15]$ $\underline{40}$ medical cannabis pharmacy
702	licenses in accordance with this section and three medical cannabis pharmacy
703	licenses in accordance with Section 4-41a-1006.
704	(b) If an insufficient number of qualified applicants apply for the available number of
705	medical cannabis pharmacy licenses, the department shall issue a medical cannabis
706	pharmacy license to each qualified applicant.
707	(c) The department may issue the licenses described in Subsection (1)(a) in accordance
708	with this Subsection (1)(c).
709	(i) Using one procurement process, the department may issue eight licenses to an

initial group of medical cannabis pharmacies and six licenses to a second group of

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711	medical cannabis pharmacies.
712	(ii) The department shall:
713	(A) divide the state into no less than four geographic regions, set by the
714	department in rule;
715	(B) issue at least one license in each geographic region during each phase of
716	issuing licenses; and
717	(C) complete the process of issuing medical cannabis pharmacy licenses no later
718	than July 1, 2020.
719	(iii) In issuing a 15th license under Subsection (1), the department shall ensure that
720	the license recipient will locate the medical cannabis pharmacy within Dagget,
721	Duchesne, Uintah, Carbon, Sevier, Emery, Grand, or San Juan County.
722	(d)(i) The [department] licensing board may issue licenses to operate a medical
723	cannabis pharmacy in addition to the licenses described in Subsection (1)(a) if the
724	department determines, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human
725	Services and after an annual or more frequent analysis of the current and
726	anticipated market for medical cannabis, that each additional license is necessary
727	to provide an adequate supply, quality, or variety of medical cannabis to medical
728	cannabis cardholders.
729	(ii) The department shall:
730	(A) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking
731	Act, make rules to establish criteria and processes for the consultation,
732	analysis, and application for a license described in Subsection (1)(d)(i); and
733	(B) report to the Executive Appropriations Committee of the Legislature before
734	each time the department issues an additional license under Subsection
735	(1)(d)(i) regarding the results of the consultation and analysis described in
736	Subsection (1)(d)(i) and the application of the criteria described in Subsection
737	(1)(d)(ii)(A).
738	(2)(a) If there are more qualified applicants than there are available licenses for medical
739	cannabis pharmacies, the [department] licensing board shall:
740	(i) evaluate each applicant and award the license to the applicant that best
741	demonstrates:
742	(A) experience with establishing and successfully operating a business that
743	involves complying with a regulatory environment, tracking inventory, and
744	training, evaluating, and monitoring employees:

745	(B) an operating plan that will best ensure the safety and security of patrons and
746	the community;
747	(C) positive connections to the local community;
748	(D) the suitability of the proposed location and the location's accessibility for
749	qualifying patients;
750	(E) the extent to which the applicant can increase efficiency and reduce the cost of
751	medical cannabis for patients; and
752	(F) a strategic plan described in Subsection 4-41a-1004(7) that has a
753	comparatively high likelihood of success; and
754	(ii) ensure a geographic dispersal among licensees that is sufficient to reasonably
755	maximize access to the largest number of medical cannabis cardholders.
756	(b) In making the evaluation described in Subsection (2)(a), the [department] licensing
757	board may give increased consideration to applicants who indicate a willingness to:
758	(i) operate as a home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy that accepts electronic
759	medical cannabis orders[-that the state central patient portal facilitates]; and
760	(ii) accept payments through:
761	(A) a payment provider that the Division of Finance approves, in consultation
762	with the state treasurer, in accordance with Section 4-41a-108; or
763	(B) a financial institution in accordance with Subsection 4-41a-108(4).
764	(3) The [department] licensing board may conduct a face-to-face interview with an applicant
765	for a license that the department evaluates under Subsection (2).
766	Section 11. Section 4-41a-1006 is enacted to read:
767	4-41a-1006. Licensees selected by medical cannabis ombudsman.
768	(1) Upon receiving a recommendation from the medical cannabis ombudsman under
769	Section 13-1-19, the licensing board shall issue a license to the entity.
770	(2) An entity issued a license under Section 13-1-19 is subject to all of the applicable
771	requirements of this chapter and Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and
772	Medical Cannabis.
773	(3) The department shall ensure compliance with Subsection 13-1-19(3)(e).
774	Section 12. Section 4-41a-1101 is amended to read:
775	4-41a-1101 . Operating requirements General.
776	(1)(a) A medical cannabis pharmacy shall operate:
777	(i) at the physical address provided to the department under Section 4-41a-1001; and
778	(ii) in accordance with the operating plan provided to the department under Section

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779 4-41a-1001 and, if applicable, Section 4-41a-1004. 780 (b) A medical cannabis pharmacy shall notify the department before a change in the 781 medical cannabis pharmacy's physical address or operating plan. 782 (2) An individual may not enter a medical cannabis pharmacy unless the individual: 783 (a) is at least 18 years old or is an emancipated minor under Section 80-7-105; and 784 (b) except as provided in Subsection (4): 785 (i) possesses a valid: 786 (A) medical cannabis pharmacy agent registration card; 787 (B) pharmacy medical provider registration card; or 788 (C) medical cannabis card; 789 (ii) is an employee of the department performing an inspection under Section 790 4-41a-1103; or 791 (iii) is another individual as the department provides. 792 (3) A medical cannabis pharmacy may not employ an individual who is younger than 21 793 years old. 794 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), a medical cannabis pharmacy may authorize an 795 individual who is not a medical cannabis pharmacy agent or pharmacy medical provider 796 to access the medical cannabis pharmacy if the medical cannabis pharmacy tracks and 797 monitors the individual at all times while the individual is at the medical cannabis 798 pharmacy and maintains a record of the individual's access. 799 (5) A medical cannabis pharmacy shall operate in a facility that has: 800 (a) a single, secure public entrance; 801 (b) a security system with a backup power source that: 802 (i) detects and records entry into the medical cannabis pharmacy; and 803 (ii) provides notice of an unauthorized entry to law enforcement when the medical 804 cannabis pharmacy is closed; and 805 (c) a lock on each area where the medical cannabis pharmacy stores [eannabis or a 806 cannabis product medical cannabis. 807 (6) A medical cannabis pharmacy shall post, both clearly and conspicuously in the medical 808 cannabis pharmacy, the limit on the purchase of cannabis described in Subsection 809 4-41a-1102(2). 810 (7) Except for an emergency situation described in Subsection 26B-4-213(3)(c), a medical 811 cannabis pharmacy may not allow any individual to consume cannabis on the property

or premises of the medical cannabis pharmacy.

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813	(8) A medical cannabis pharmacy may not sell [eannabis or a cannabis product] medical
814	cannabis without first indicating on the [eannabis or cannabis product] medical cannabis
815	label the name of the medical cannabis pharmacy.
816	(9)(a) Each medical cannabis pharmacy shall retain in the pharmacy's records the
817	following information regarding each recommendation underlying a transaction:
818	(i) the recommending medical provider's name, address, and telephone number;
819	(ii) the patient's name and address;
820	(iii) the date of issuance;
821	(iv) directions of use and dosing guidelines or an indication that the recommending
822	medical provider did not recommend specific directions of use or dosing
823	guidelines; and
824	(v) if the patient did not complete the transaction, the name of the medical cannabis
825	cardholder who completed the transaction.
826	(b)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (9)(b)(iii), a medical cannabis pharmacy may
827	not sell medical cannabis unless the medical cannabis has a label securely affixed
828	to the container indicating the following minimum information:
829	(A) the name, address, and telephone number of the medical cannabis pharmacy;
830	(B) the unique identification number that the medical cannabis pharmacy assigns;
831	(C) the date of the sale;
832	(D) the name of the patient;
833	(E) the name of the recommending medical provider who recommended the
834	medical cannabis treatment;
835	(F) directions for use and cautionary statements, if any;
836	(G) the amount dispensed and the cannabinoid content;
837	(H) the suggested use date;
838	(I) for unprocessed cannabis flower, the legal use termination date; and
839	(J) any other requirements that the department determines, in consultation with the
840	Division of Professional Licensing and the Board of Pharmacy.
841	(ii) A medical cannabis pharmacy is exempt from the requirement to provide the
842	following information under Subsection (9)(b)(i) if the information is already
843	provided on the product label that a cannabis production establishment affixes:
844	(A) a unique identification number;
845	(B) directions for use and cautionary statements;
846	(C) amount and cannabinoid content; and

847		(D) a suggested use date.
848		(iii) If the size of a medical cannabis container does not allow sufficient space to
849		include the labeling requirements described in Subsection (9)(b)(i), the medical
850		cannabis pharmacy may provide the following information described in
851		Subsection (9)(b)(i) on a supplemental label attached to the container or an
852		informational enclosure that accompanies the container:
853		(A) the cannabinoid content;
854		(B) the suggested use date; and
855		(C) any other requirements that the department determines.
856		(iv) A medical cannabis pharmacy may sell medical cannabis to another medical
857		cannabis pharmacy without a label described in Subsection (9)(b)(i).
858	(10) A	pharmacy medical provider or medical cannabis pharmacy agent shall:
859	(a)	upon receipt of an order from a limited medical provider in accordance with
860		Subsections 26B-4-204(1)(b) through (d):
861		(i) for a written order or an electronic order under circumstances that the department
862		determines, contact the limited medical provider or the limited medical provider's
863		office to verify the validity of the recommendation; and
864		(ii) for an order that the pharmacy medical provider or medical cannabis pharmacy
865		agent verifies under Subsection (10)(a)(i) or an electronic order that is not subject
866		to verification under Subsection (10)(a)(i), enter the limited medical provider's
867		recommendation or renewal, including any associated directions of use, dosing
868		guidelines, or caregiver indication, in the state electronic verification system;
869	(b)	in processing an order for a holder of a conditional medical cannabis card described
870		in Subsection 26B-4-213(1)(b) that appears irregular or suspicious in the judgment of $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($
871		the pharmacy medical provider or medical cannabis pharmacy agent, contact the
872		recommending medical provider or the recommending medical provider's office to
873		verify the validity of the recommendation before processing the cardholder's order;
874	(c)	unless the medical cannabis cardholder has had a consultation under Subsection
875		26B-4-231(5), verbally offer to a medical cannabis cardholder at the time of a
876		purchase of [cannabis, a cannabis product,] medical cannabis or a medical cannabis
877		device, personal counseling with the pharmacy medical provider; and
878	(d)	provide a telephone number or website by which the cardholder may contact a
879		pharmacy medical provider for counseling.
880	(11)(a)	A medical cannabis pharmacy may create a medical cannabis disposal program

881	that allows an individual to deposit unused or excess medical cannabis or cannabis
882	residue from a medical cannabis device in a locked box or other secure receptacle
883	within the medical cannabis pharmacy.
884	(b) A medical cannabis pharmacy with a disposal program described in Subsection
885	(11)(a) shall ensure that only a medical cannabis pharmacy agent or pharmacy
886	medical provider can access deposited medical cannabis.
887	(c) A medical cannabis pharmacy shall dispose of any deposited medical cannabis by:
888	(i) rendering the deposited medical cannabis unusable and unrecognizable before
889	transporting deposited medical cannabis from the medical cannabis pharmacy; and
890	(ii) disposing of the deposited medical cannabis in accordance with:
891	(A) federal and state law, rules, and regulations related to hazardous waste;
892	(B) the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 6991 et seq.;
893	(C) Title 19, Chapter 6, Part 5, Solid Waste Management Act; and
894	(D) other regulations that the department makes in accordance with Title 63G,
895	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
896	(12) A medical cannabis pharmacy:
897	(a) shall employ a pharmacist who is licensed under Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy
898	Practice Act, as a pharmacy medical provider;
899	(b) may employ a physician who has the authority to write a prescription and is licensed
900	under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah
901	Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, as a pharmacy medical provider;
902	(c) shall ensure that a pharmacy medical provider described in Subsection (12)(a) works
903	onsite during all business hours;
904	(d) shall designate one pharmacy medical provider described in Subsection (12)(a) as the
905	pharmacist-in-charge to oversee the operation of and generally supervise the medical
906	cannabis pharmacy;[- and]
907	(e) shall allow the pharmacist-in-charge to determine which [eannabis and cannabis
908	products] medical cannabis products the medical cannabis pharmacy maintains in the
909	medical cannabis pharmacy's inventory[-];
910	(f) if a patient product information insert is available, shall provide a patient who
911	purchases a medical cannabis product the medical cannabis product's patient product
912	information insert using any of the following methods:
913	(i) a physical document;
914	(ii) an email message;

915	(iii) a text message; or
916	(iv) a quick response code; and
917	(g) for each medical cannabis product sold by the medical cannabis pharmacy, shall:
918	(i) allow a medical cannabis cardholder located in the pharmacy to view the back
919	panel of the product when requested; and
920	(ii) include a picture of the back panel of the product on the medical cannabis
921	pharmacy's website.
922	(13) The department shall establish by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
923	Administrative Rulemaking Act, protocols for a recall of cannabis and cannabis products
924	by a medical cannabis pharmacy.
925	Section 13. Section 4-41a-1201 is amended to read:
926	4-41a-1201. Medical cannabis home delivery designation.
927	(1) The department may designate a medical cannabis pharmacy as a home delivery
928	medical cannabis pharmacy if the department determines that the medical cannabis
929	pharmacy's operating plan demonstrates the functional and technical ability to:
930	(a) safely conduct transactions for medical cannabis shipments;
931	(b) accept electronic medical cannabis orders[-that the state central patient portal
932	facilitates]; and
933	(c) accept payments through:
934	(i) a payment provider that the Division of Finance approves, in consultation with the
935	state treasurer, in accordance with Section 26-61a-603; or
936	(ii) a financial institution in accordance with Subsection 26-61a-603(4).
937	(2) An applicant seeking a designation as a home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy shall
938	identify in the applicant's operating plan any information relevant to the department's
939	evaluation described in Subsection (1), including:
940	(a) the name and contact information of the payment provider;
941	(b) the nature of the relationship between the prospective licensee and the payment
942	provider;
943	(c) the processes of the following to safely and reliably conduct transactions for medical
944	cannabis shipments:
945	(i) the prospective licensee; and
946	(ii) the electronic payment provider or the financial institution described in
947	Subsection (1)(c); and
948	(d) the ability of the licensee to comply with the department's rules regarding the secure

949	transportation and delivery of medical cannabis [or medical cannabis product] to a
950	medical cannabis cardholder.
951	(3) Notwithstanding any county or municipal ordinance, a medical cannabis pharmacy that
952	the department designates as a home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy may deliver
953	medical cannabis shipments in accordance with this part.
954	Section 14. Section 4-41a-1202 is amended to read:
955	4-41a-1202 . Home delivery of medical cannabis shipments Medical cannabis
956	couriers License.
957	(1) The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
958	Administrative Rulemaking Act, to ensure the safety, security, and efficiency of a home
959	delivery medical cannabis pharmacy's fulfillment of electronic medical cannabis orders[
960	that the state central patient portal facilitates], including rules regarding the safe and
961	controlled delivery of medical cannabis shipments.
962	(2) A person may not operate as a medical cannabis courier without a license that the
963	department issues under this section.
964	(3)(a) Subject to Subsections (5) and (6), the department shall issue a license to operate
965	as a medical cannabis courier to an applicant who is eligible for a license under this
966	section.
967	(b) An applicant is eligible for a license under this section if the applicant submits to the
968	department:
969	(i) the name and address of an individual who:
970	(A) has a financial or voting interest of 10% or greater in the proposed medical
971	cannabis courier; or
972	(B) has the power to direct or cause the management or control of a proposed
973	cannabis production establishment;
974	(ii) an operating plan that includes operating procedures to comply with the operating
975	requirements for a medical cannabis courier described in this chapter; and
976	(iii) an application fee in an amount that, subject to Subsection 4-41a-104(5), the
977	department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504.
978	(4) If the department determines that an applicant is eligible for a license under this section,
979	the department shall:
980	(a) charge the applicant an initial license fee in an amount that, subject to Subsection
981	4-41a-104(5), the department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504; and
982	(b) notify the Department of Public Safety of the license approval and the names of each

983	individual described in Subsection (3)(b)(i).
984	(5) The department may not issue a license to operate as a medical cannabis courier to an
985	applicant if an individual described in Subsection (3)(b)(i):
986	(a) has been convicted under state or federal law of:
987	(i) a felony in the preceding 10 years; or
988	(ii) after September 23, 2019, a misdemeanor for drug distribution; or
989	(b) is younger than 21 years old.
990	(6) The department may revoke a license under this part if:
991	(a) the medical cannabis courier does not begin operations within one year after the day
992	on which the department issues the initial license;
993	(b) the medical cannabis courier makes the same violation of this chapter three times;
994	(c) an individual described in Subsection (3)(b)(i) is convicted, while the license is
995	active, under state or federal law of:
996	(i) a felony; or
997	(ii) after September 23, 2019, a misdemeanor for drug distribution; or
998	(d) after a change of ownership described in Subsection (14)(c), the department
999	determines that the medical cannabis courier no longer meets the minimum standards
1000	for licensure and operation of the medical cannabis courier described in this chapter.
1001	(7) The department shall deposit the proceeds of a fee imposed by this section in the
1002	Qualified Production Enterprise Fund.
1003	(8) The department's authority to issue a license under this section is plenary and is not
1004	subject to review.
1005	(9) Each applicant for a license as a medical cannabis courier shall submit, at the time of
1006	application, from each individual who has a financial or voting interest of 10% or
1007	greater in the applicant or who has the power to direct or cause the management or
1008	control of the applicant:
1009	(a) a fingerprint card in a form acceptable to the Department of Public Safety;
1010	(b) a signed waiver in accordance with Subsection 53-10-108(4) acknowledging the
1011	registration of the individual's fingerprints in the Federal Bureau of Investigation
1012	Next Generation Identification System's Rap Back Service; and
1013	(c) consent to a fingerprint background check by:
1014	(i) the Bureau of Criminal Identification; and
1015	(ii) the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
1016	(10) The Bureau of Criminal Identification shall:

1017	(a) check the fingerprints the applicant submits under Subsection (9) against the
1018	applicable state, regional, and national criminal records databases, including the
1019	Federal Bureau of Investigation Next Generation Identification System;
1020	(b) report the results of the background check to the department;
1021	(c) maintain a separate file of fingerprints that applicants submit under Subsection (9)
1022	for search by future submissions to the local and regional criminal records databases,
1023	including latent prints;
1024	(d) request that the fingerprints be retained in the Federal Bureau of Investigation Next
1025	Generation Identification System's Rap Back Service for search by future
1026	submissions to national criminal records databases, including the Next Generation
1027	Identification System and latent prints; and
1028	(e) establish a privacy risk mitigation strategy to ensure that the department only
1029	receives notifications for an individual with whom the department maintains an
1030	authorizing relationship.
1031	(11) The department shall:
1032	(a) assess an individual who submits fingerprints under Subsection (9) a fee in an
1033	amount that the department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504 for the
1034	services that the Bureau of Criminal Identification or another authorized agency
1035	provides under this section; and
1036	(b) remit the fee described in Subsection (11)(a) to the Bureau of Criminal Identification.
1037	(12) The department shall renew a license under this section every year if, at the time of
1038	renewal:
1039	(a) the licensee meets the requirements of this section; and
1040	(b) the licensee pays the department a license renewal fee in an amount that, subject to
1041	Subsection 4-41a-104(5), the department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504.
1042	(13) A person applying for a medical cannabis courier license shall submit to the
1043	department a proposed operating plan that complies with this section and that includes:
1044	(a) a description of the physical characteristics of any proposed facilities, including a
1045	floor plan and an architectural elevation, and delivery vehicles;
1046	(b) a description of the credentials and experience of each officer, director, or owner of
1047	the proposed medical cannabis courier;
1048	(c) the medical cannabis courier's employee training standards;
1049	(d) a security plan; and
1050	(e) storage and delivery protocols, both short and long term, to ensure that medical

1051	cannabis shipments are stored and delivered in a manner that is sanitary and
1052	preserves the integrity of the cannabis.
1053	(14)(a) A medical cannabis courier license is not transferable or assignable.
1054	(b) A medical cannabis courier shall report in writing to the department no later than 10
1055	business days before the date of any change of ownership of the medical cannabis
1056	courier.
1057	(c) If the ownership of a medical cannabis courier changes by 50% or more:
1058	(i) concurrent with the report described in Subsection (14)(b), the medical cannabis
1059	courier shall submit a new application described in Subsection (3)(b);
1060	(ii) within 30 days of the submission of the application, the department shall:
1061	(A) conduct an application review; and
1062	(B) award a license to the medical cannabis courier for the remainder of the term
1063	of the medical cannabis courier's license before the ownership change if the
1064	medical cannabis courier meets the minimum standards for licensure and
1065	operation of the medical cannabis courier described in this chapter; and
1066	(iii) if the department approves the license application, notwithstanding Subsection
1067	(4), the medical cannabis courier shall pay a license fee that the department sets in
1068	accordance with Section 63J-1-504 in an amount that covers the board's cost of
1069	conducting the application review.
1070	[(15)(a) Except as provided in Subsection(15)(b), a person may not advertise regarding
1071	the transportation of medical cannabis.]
1072	[(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (14)(a) and subject to Section 4-41a-109, a licensed home
1073	delivery medical cannabis pharmacy or a licensed medical cannabis courier may
1074	advertise:]
1075	[(i) a green cross;]
1076	[(ii) the pharmacy's or courier's name and logo; and]
1077	[(iii) that the pharmacy or courier is licensed to transport medical cannabis shipments.]
1078	Section 15. Section 4-41a-1203 is amended to read:
1079	4-41a-1203 . Medical cannabis shipment transportation.
1080	(1) The department shall ensure that each home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy is
1081	capable of delivering, directly or through a medical cannabis courier, medical cannabis
1082	shipments in a secure manner.
1083	(2)(a) A home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy may contract with a licensed
1084	medical cannabis courier to deliver medical cannabis shipments to fulfill electronic

1085	medical cannabis orders[that the state central patient portal facilitates].
1086	(b) If a home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy enters into a contract described in
1087	Subsection (2)(a), the pharmacy shall:
1088	(i) impose security and personnel requirements on the medical cannabis courier
1089	sufficient to ensure the security and safety of medical cannabis shipments; and
1090	(ii) provide regular oversight of the medical cannabis courier.
1091	(3) Notwithstanding Subsection 4-41a-404(1), an individual may transport a medical
1092	cannabis shipment if the individual is:
1093	(a) a registered pharmacy medical provider;
1094	(b) a registered medical cannabis pharmacy agent; or
1095	(c) a registered agent of the medical cannabis courier described in Subsection (2).
1096	(4) An individual transporting a medical cannabis shipment under Subsection (3) shall
1097	comply with the requirements of Subsection 4-41a-404(3).
1098	(5) In addition to the requirements in Subsections (3) and (4), the department may establish
1099	by rule, in collaboration with the Division of Professional Licensing and the Board of
1100	Pharmacy and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
1101	Rulemaking Act, requirements for transporting medical cannabis shipments that are
1102	related to safety for human consumption of [eannabis or a cannabis product] medical
1103	cannabis.
1104	(6)(a) It is unlawful for an individual to transport a medical cannabis shipment with a
1105	manifest that does not meet the requirements of Subsection (4).
1106	(b) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(d), an individual who violates Subsection (6)(a)
1107	is:
1108	(i) guilty of an infraction; and
1109	(ii) subject to a \$100 fine.
1110	(c) An individual who is guilty of a violation described in Subsection (6)(b) is not guilty
1111	of a violation of Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act, for the
1112	conduct underlying the violation described in Subsection (6)(b).
1113	(d) If the individual described in Subsection (6)(a) is transporting more cannabis,
1114	cannabis product, or medical cannabis devices than the manifest identifies, except for
1115	a de minimis administrative error:
1116	(i) this chapter does not apply; and
1117	(ii) the individual is subject to penalties under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled
1118	Substances Act.

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1119	Section 16. Section 13-1-19 is enacted to read:
1120	13-1-19. Medical cannabis ombudsman Duties Appeals.
1121	(1)(a) The definitions of Title 4, Chapter 41a, Cannabis Production Establishments and
1122	Pharmacies, and Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and Medical
1123	Cannabis, apply to this section.
1124	(b) There is created a medical cannabis ombudsman within the department.
1125	(c) The department shall consult with the Department of Agriculture and Food and the
1126	Department of Health and Human Services.
1127	(d) The medical cannabis ombudsman or an immediate family member of the medical
1128	cannabis ombudsman may not have an ownership interest in a cannabis production
1129	establishment or medical cannabis pharmacy.
1130	(2) The ombudsman shall:
1131	(a) develop and maintain expertise in laws and policies governing the rights and
1132	privileges of patients who hold medical cannabis cards;
1133	(b) provide training and information to private citizens, civic groups, governmental
1134	entities, and other interested parties across the state regarding:
1135	(i) the role and duties of the ombudsman; and
1136	(ii) the rights and privileges of medical cannabis patients;
1137	(c) develop a website to provide the information described in Subsection (2)(b) in a form
1138	that is easily accessible;
1139	(d) receive, process, and investigate complaints from medical cannabis production
1140	establishments and medical cannabis pharmacies regarding Utah regulatory agencies
1141	(e) review proposed rules that are created under Title 4, Chapter 41a, Cannabis
1142	Production Establishments and Pharmacies, and Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2,
1143	Cannabinoid Research and Medical Cannabis;
1144	(f) cooperate and coordinate with governmental entities and other organizations in the
1145	community in exercising the duties under this section; and
1146	(g) as appropriate, make recommendations to the Department of Agriculture and Food
1147	and the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the creation or
1148	modification of rules that the ombudsman considers necessary to carry out the
1149	ombudsman's duties under this section.
1150	(3)(a) The ombudsman shall:
1151	(i) determine which entities receive licenses described under this Subsection (3); and
1152	(ii) inform the Department of Agriculture and Food of the selections.

1153	(b)(i) Subject to the requirements of this Subsection (3) and the criteria established
1154	for obtaining a medical cannabis pharmacy license under Title 4, Chapter 41a,
1155	Cannabis Production Establishments and Pharmacies, the ombudsman shall:
1156	(A) before January 1, 2026, select two entities to receive a medical cannabis
1157	pharmacy license; and
1158	(B) before January 1, 2027, but not before January 1, 2026, select one entity to
1159	receive a medical cannabis pharmacy license.
1160	(ii) When selecting entities under this Subsection (3), if there is a conflict between
1161	the criteria established for obtaining a medical cannabis pharmacy license under
1162	Title 4, Chapter 41a, Cannabis Production Establishments and Pharmacies, and
1163	this section, this section controls.
1164	(c) For one of the licenses described in Subsection (3)(b)(i)(A), the ombudsman may not
1165	select an entity:
1166	(i) that owns or operates a medical cannabis production establishment; or
1167	(ii) that is owned or operated by a medical cannabis production establishment.
1168	(d) The ombudsman:
1169	(i) may not select an entity to receive a license under this Subsection (3) if the entity
1170	already holds or is owned by an entity that holds a medical cannabis pharmacy
1171	license; and
1172	(ii) shall select an entity that will site a medical cannabis pharmacy license issued
1173	under this Subsection (3) in an area designated as a medically underserved area as
1174	determined by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration.
1175	(e) A license described in this Subsection (3) may not be transferred to another entity
1176	unless that entity meets the requirements of Subsections (3)(c) and (3)(d) that the
1177	transferring entity met when obtaining the license.
1178	(4)(a) The ombudsman shall create a program where a medical cannabis patient may
1179	obtain assistance for paying for medical cannabis and medical cannabis devices.
1180	(b) Subject to available funds, the medical cannabis ombudsman may provide monthly
1181	\$150 vouchers to a medical cannabis pharmacy as part of the program described in
1182	this Subsection (4).
1183	(c) A medical cannabis patient is eligible for the program if the individual is:
1184	(i) an active medical cannabis cardholder patient; and
1185	(ii) enrolled in Medicaid or Medicare.
1186	(d) The ombudsman may make rules to effectuate the program described in this

1187	Subsection (4) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures
1188	Act.
1189	(e) The ombudsman may contract with an entity to administer the program described in
1190	this Subsection (4).
1191	(5)(a) The ombudsman shall hear all appeals of administrative penalties assessed under
1192	Section 4-41a-801 and Section 4-41a-801.1 that are not heard by an administrative
1193	<u>law judge.</u>
1194	(b) When an appeal is filed under Subsection (5)(a), the Department of Agriculture and
1195	Food shall provide a detailed explanation to the medical cannabis ombudsman for
1196	each penalty assessed that is under appeal.
1197	(c) An appeal heard under this section is an informal adjudicative proceeding as
1198	described in Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
1199	(d) The ombudsman may vacate or reduce an administrative penalty issued under
1200	Section 4-41a-801 and Section 4-41a-801.1.
1201	(e) A person subject to an administrative penalty after an appeal heard under this
1202	Subsection (5) may appeal for judicial review in accordance with the Title 63G,
1203	Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
1204	(6) Before August 1, 2026, and each year thereafter, the ombudsman shall provide a report
1205	regarding:
1206	(a) the number of appeals heard under Subsection (5):
1207	(b) the number of penalties reduced and upheld under Subsection (5);
1208	(c) the number of patients served under Subsection (4); and
1209	(d) policy recommendations related to the medical cannabis program.
1210	Section 17. Section 26B-1-310 is amended to read:
1211	26B-1-310 . Qualified Patient Enterprise Fund Creation Revenue neutrality
1212	Uniform fee.
1213	(1) There is created an enterprise fund known as the "Qualified Patient Enterprise Fund."
1214	(2) The fund created in this section is funded from:
1215	(a) money the department deposits into the fund under Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid
1216	Research and Medical Cannabis;
1217	(b) appropriations the Legislature makes to the fund; and
1218	(c) the interest described in Subsection (3).
1219	(3) Interest earned on the fund shall be deposited into the fund.
1220	(4) Money deposited into the fund may [only be used by] be used as follows:

1221	(a) by the department to accomplish the department's responsibilities described in
1222	Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and Medical Cannabis; [-and]
1223	(b) by the Center for Medical Cannabis Research created in Section 53B-17-1402 to
1224	accomplish the Center for Medical Cannabis Research's responsibilities[-];
1225	(c) by the medical cannabis ombudsman created in Section 13-1-19 to accomplish the
1226	medical cannabis ombudsman's responsibilities except for the responsibilities
1227	described in Subsection 13-1-19(4); and
1228	(d) if there is remaining money after financial obligations under Subsections (4)(a)
1229	through (c) are met, \$250,000 by the medical cannabis ombudsman for the program
1230	described in Subsection 13-1-19(4).
1231	(5) The department shall set fees authorized under Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research
1232	and Medical Cannabis, in amounts that the department anticipates are necessary, in total,
1233	to cover the department's cost to implement Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research
1234	and Medical Cannabis.
1235	(6)(a) The department may impose a uniform fee on each medical cannabis transaction
1236	in a medical cannabis pharmacy in an amount that, subject to Subsection (5), the
1237	department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504.
1238	(b) The department shall allocate at least 10% of each fee charged under Subsection
1239	(6)(a) to the medical cannabis ombudsman created in Section 13-1-19.
1240	Section 18. Section 26B-1-435 is amended to read:
1241	26B-1-435 . Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board creation Membership
1242	Duties.
1243	(1) There is created within the department the Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board.
1244	(2)(a) The advisory board shall consist of the following members:
1245	(i) appointed by the executive director:
1246	(A) a qualified medical provider who has recommended medical cannabis to at
1247	least 100 patients before being appointed;
1248	(B) a medical research professional;
1249	(C) a mental health specialist;
1250	(D) an individual who represents an organization that advocates for medical
1251	cannabis patients;
1252	(E) [an individual] a member of the general public who holds a medical cannabis
1253	patient card; and
1254	(F) a member of the general public who does not hold a medical cannabis card;[

1255	and]
1256	(ii) appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food:
1257	(A) an individual who owns or operates a licensed cannabis cultivation facility, as
1258	defined in Section 4-41a-102;
1259	(B) an individual who owns or operates a licensed medical cannabis pharmacy;
1260	and
1261	(C) a law enforcement officer[-]; and
1262	(iii) a representative from the Center for Medical Cannabis Research created in
1263	Section 53B-14-1402, appointed by the Center for Medical Cannabis Research.
1264	(b) The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food shall ensure that at
1265	least one individual appointed under Subsection (2)(a)(ii)(A) or (B) also owns or
1266	operates a licensed cannabis processing facility.
1267	(3)(a) Subject to Subsection (3)(b), a member of the advisory board shall serve for a
1268	four year term.
1269	(b) When appointing the initial membership of the advisory board, the executive director
1270	and the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food shall coordinate to
1271	appoint four advisory board members to serve a term of two years to ensure that
1272	approximately half of the board is appointed every two years.
1273	(4)(a) If an advisory board member is no longer able to serve as a member, a new
1274	member shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointment.
1275	(b) A member appointed in accordance with Subsection (4)(a) shall serve for the
1276	remainder of the unexpired term of the original appointment.
1277	(5)(a) A majority of the advisory board members constitutes a quorum.
1278	(b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes an action of the advisory board.
1279	(c) For a term lasting one year, the advisory board shall annually designate members of
1280	the advisory board to serve as chair and vice-chair.
1281	(d) When designating the chair and vice-chair, the advisory board shall ensure that at
1282	least one individual described Subsection (2)(a)(i) is appointed as chair or vice-chair.
1283	(6) An advisory board member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's
1284	service on the advisory board but may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel
1285	expenses incurred as an advisory board member in accordance with:
1286	(a) Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107; and
1287	(b) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and
1288	63A-3-107.

1289	(7)	The department shall:
1290		(a) provide staff support for the advisory board; and
1291		(b) assist the advisory board in conducting meetings.
1292	(8)	The advisory board may recommend:
1293		(a) to the department or the Department of Agriculture and Food changes to current or
1294		proposed medical cannabis rules or statutes; and
1295		(b) to the appropriate legislative committee whether the advisory board supports a
1296		change to medical cannabis statutes.
1297	(9)	The advisory board shall:
1298		(a) review any draft rule that is authorized under [this chapter] Chapter 4, Part 2,
1299		Cannabinoid Research and Medical Cannabis, or Title 4, Chapter 41a, Cannabis
1300		Production Establishments and Pharmacies;
1301		(b) consult with the Department of Agriculture and Food regarding the issuance of an
1302		additional:
1303		(i) cultivation facility license under Section 4-41a-205; or
1304		(ii) pharmacy license under Section 4-41a-1005;
1305		(c) consult with the department regarding cannabis patient education;
1306		(d) consult regarding the reasonableness of any fees set by the department or the
1307		Department of Agriculture and Food that pertain to the medical cannabis program;
1308		and
1309		(e) consult regarding any issue pertaining to medical cannabis when asked by the
1310		department or the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.
1311		Section 19. Section 26B-4-201 is amended to read:
1312		26B-4-201 . Definitions.
1313		As used in this part:
1314	(1)	"Active tetrahydrocannabinol" means THC, any THC analog, and
1315		tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.
1316	(2)	"Administration of criminal justice" means the performance of detection, apprehension
1317		detention, pretrial release, post-trial release, prosecution, and adjudication.
1318	(3)	"Advertise" means information provided by a person in any medium:
1319		(a) to the public; and
1320		(b) that is not age restricted to an individual who is at least 21 years old.
1321	(4)	"Advisory board" means the Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board created in
1322		Section 26B-1-435.

1323	(5) "Cannabis Research Review Board" means the Cannabis Research Review Board
1324	created in Section 26B-1-420.
1325	(6) "Cannabis" means marijuana.
1326	(7) "Cannabis processing facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section
1327	4-41a-102.
1328	(8) "Cannabis product" means a product that:
1329	(a) is intended for human use; and
1330	(b) contains cannabis or any tetrahydrocannabinol or THC analog in a total
1331	concentration of 0.3% or greater on a dry weight basis.
1332	(9) "Cannabis production establishment" means the same as that term is defined in Section
1333	4-41a-102.
1334	(10) "Cannabis production establishment agent" means the same as that term is defined in
1335	Section 4-41a-102.
1336	(11) "Cannabis production establishment agent registration card" means the same as that
1337	term is defined in Section 4-41a-102.
1338	(12) "Conditional medical cannabis card" means an electronic medical cannabis card that
1339	the department issues in accordance with Subsection 26B-4-213(1)(b) to allow an
1340	applicant for a medical cannabis card to access medical cannabis during the department's
1341	review of the application.
1342	(13) "Controlled substance database" means the controlled substance database created in
1343	Section 58-37f-201.
1344	(14) "Delivery address" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41a-102.
1345	(15) "Department" means the Department of Health and Human Services.
1346	(16) "Designated caregiver" means:
1347	(a) an individual:
1348	(i) whom an individual with a medical cannabis patient card or a medical cannabis
1349	guardian card designates as the patient's caregiver; and
1350	(ii) who registers with the department under Section 26B-4-214; or
1351	(b)(i) a facility that an individual designates as a designated caregiver in accordance
1352	with Subsection 26B-4-214(1)(b); or
1353	(ii) an assigned employee of the facility described in Subsection 26B-4-214(1)(b)(ii).
1354	(17) "Directions of use" means recommended routes of administration for a medical
1355	cannabis treatment and suggested usage guidelines.
1356	(18) "Dosing guidelines" means a quantity range and frequency of administration for a

1357	recommended treatment of medical cannabis.
1358	(19) "Government issued photo identification" means any of the following forms of
1359	identification:
1360	(a) a valid state-issued driver license or identification card;
1361	(b) a valid United States federal-issued photo identification, including:
1362	(i) a United States passport;
1363	(ii) a United States passport card;
1364	(iii) a United States military identification card; or
1365	(iv) a permanent resident card or alien registration receipt card; or
1366	(c) a foreign passport.
1367	(20) "Home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy" means a medical cannabis pharmacy that
1368	the department authorizes, as part of the pharmacy's license, to deliver medical cannabis
1369	shipments to a delivery address to fulfill electronic orders[that the state central patient
1370	portal facilitates].
1371	(21) "Inventory control system" means the system described in Section 4-41a-103.
1372	(22) "Legal dosage limit" means an amount that:
1373	(a) is sufficient to provide 30 days of treatment based on the dosing guidelines that the
1374	relevant recommending medical provider or [the state central patient portal or]
1375	pharmacy medical provider, in accordance with Subsection 26B-4-230(5),
1376	recommends; and
1377	(b) may not exceed:
1378	(i) for unprocessed cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, 113 grams by weight; and
1379	(ii) for a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form, a quantity that contains, in
1380	total, greater than 20 grams of active tetrahydrocannabinol.
1381	(23) "Legal use termination date" means a date on the label of a container of unprocessed
1382	cannabis flower:
1383	(a) that is 60 days after the date of purchase of the cannabis; and
1384	(b) after which, the cannabis is no longer in a medicinal dosage form outside of the
1385	primary residence of the relevant medical cannabis patient cardholder.
1386	(24) "Limited medical provider" means an individual who:
1387	(a) meets the recommending qualifications; and
1388	(b) has no more than 15 patients with a valid medical cannabis patient card as a result of
1389	the individual's recommendation, in accordance with Subsection 26B-4-204(1)(b).
1390	(25) "Marijuana" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-37-2.

1391	(26) "Medical cannabis" or "medical cannabis product" means cannabis in a medicinal
1392	dosage form or a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form.
1393	(27) "Medical cannabis card" means a medical cannabis patient card, a medical cannabis
1394	guardian card, a medical cannabis caregiver card, or a conditional medical cannabis card.
1395	(28) "Medical cannabis cardholder" means:
1396	(a) a holder of a medical cannabis card; or
1397	(b) a facility or assigned employee, described in Subsection (16)(b), only:
1398	(i) within the scope of the facility's or assigned employee's performance of the role of
1399	a medical cannabis patient cardholder's caregiver designation under Subsection
1400	26B-4-214(1)(b); and
1401	(ii) while in possession of documentation that establishes:
1402	(A) a caregiver designation described in Subsection 26B-4-214(1)(b);
1403	(B) the identity of the individual presenting the documentation; and
1404	(C) the relation of the individual presenting the documentation to the caregiver
1405	designation.
1406	(29) "Medical cannabis caregiver card" means an electronic document that a cardholder
1407	may print or store on an electronic device or a physical card or document that:
1408	(a) the department issues to an individual whom a medical cannabis patient cardholder
1409	or a medical cannabis guardian cardholder designates as a designated caregiver; and
1410	(b) is connected to the electronic verification system.
1411	(30) "Medical cannabis courier" means the same as that term is defined in Section
1412	4-41a-102.
1413	(31)(a) "Medical cannabis device" means a device that an individual uses to ingest or
1414	inhale [cannabis in a medicinal dosage form or a cannabis product in a medicinal
1415	dosage form] medical cannabis.
1416	(b) "Medical cannabis device" does not include a device that:
1417	(i) facilitates cannabis combustion; or
1418	(ii) an individual uses to ingest substances other than cannabis.
1419	(32) "Medical cannabis guardian card" means an electronic document that a cardholder may
1420	print or store on an electronic device or a physical card or document that:
1421	(a) the department issues to the parent or legal guardian of a minor with a qualifying
1422	condition; and
1423	(b) is connected to the electronic verification system.
1424	(33) "Medical cannabis patient card" means an electronic document that a cardholder may

1425	print or store on an electronic device or a physical card or document that:
1426	(a) the department issues to an individual with a qualifying condition; and
1427	(b) is connected to the electronic verification system.
1428	(34) "Medical cannabis pharmacy" means a person that:
1429	(a)(i) acquires or intends to acquire medical cannabis [or a cannabis product in a
1430	medicinal dosage form-]from a cannabis processing facility or another medical
1431	cannabis pharmacy or a medical cannabis device; or
1432	(ii) possesses medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device; and
1433	(b) sells or intends to sell medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device to a medical
1434	cannabis cardholder.
1435	(35) "Medical cannabis pharmacy agent" means an individual who holds a valid medical
1436	cannabis pharmacy agent registration card issued by the department.
1437	(36) "Medical cannabis pharmacy agent registration card" means a registration card issued
1438	by the department that authorizes an individual to act as a medical cannabis pharmacy
1439	agent.
1440	(37) "Medical cannabis shipment" means the same as that term is defined in Section
1441	4-41a-102.
1442	(38) "Medical cannabis treatment" means [eannabis in a medicinal dosage form, a cannabis
1443	product in a medicinal dosage form, or] medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device.
1444	(39)(a) "Medicinal dosage form" means:
1445	(i) for processed medical cannabis, the following with a specific and consistent
1446	cannabinoid content:
1447	(A) a tablet;
1448	(B) a capsule;
1449	(C) a concentrated liquid or viscous oil;
1450	(D) a liquid suspension that does not exceed 30 milliliters;
1451	(E) a topical preparation;
1452	(F) a transdermal preparation;
1453	(G) a sublingual preparation;
1454	(H) a gelatinous cube, gelatinous rectangular cuboid, or lozenge in a cube or
1455	rectangular cuboid shape;
1456	(I) a resin or wax;
1457	(J) an aerosol;
1458	(K) a suppository preparation; or

1459	(L) a soft or hard confection that is a uniform rectangular cuboid or uniform
1460	spherical shape, is homogeneous in color and texture, and each piece is a single
1461	serving; or
1462	(ii) for unprocessed cannabis flower, a container described in Section 4-41a-602 that:
1463	(A) contains cannabis flower in a quantity that varies by no more than 10% from
1464	the stated weight at the time of packaging;
1465	(B) at any time the medical cannabis cardholder transports or possesses the
1466	container in public, is contained within an opaque bag or box that the medical
1467	cannabis pharmacy provides; and
1468	(C) is labeled with the container's content and weight, the date of purchase, the
1469	legal use termination date, and a barcode that provides information connected
1470	to an inventory control system.
1471	(b) "Medicinal dosage form" includes a portion of unprocessed cannabis flower that:
1472	(i) the medical cannabis cardholder has recently removed from the container
1473	described in Subsection (39)(a)(ii) for use; and
1474	(ii) does not exceed the quantity described in Subsection (39)(a)(ii).
1475	(c) "Medicinal dosage form" does not include:
1476	(i) any unprocessed cannabis flower outside of the container described in Subsection
1477	(39)(a)(ii), except as provided in Subsection (39)(b);
1478	(ii) any unprocessed cannabis flower in a container described in Subsection
1479	(39)(a)(ii) after the legal use termination date;
1480	(iii) a process of vaporizing and inhaling concentrated cannabis by placing the
1481	cannabis on a nail or other metal object that is heated by a flame, including a
1482	blowtorch;
1483	(iv) a liquid suspension that is branded as a beverage;
1484	(v) a substance described in Subsection (39)(a)(i) or (ii) if the substance is not
1485	measured in grams, milligrams, or milliliters; or
1486	(vi) a substance that contains or is covered to any degree with chocolate.
1487	(40) "Nonresident patient" means an individual who:
1488	(a) is not a resident of Utah or has been a resident of Utah for less than 45 days;
1489	(b) has a currently valid medical cannabis card or the equivalent of a medical cannabis
1490	card under the laws of another state, district, territory, commonwealth, or insular
1491	possession of the United States; and
1492	(c) has been diagnosed with a qualifying condition as described in Section 26B-4-203.

1493	(41) "Patient product information insert" means a single page document that contains
1494	information about a medical cannabis product regarding:
1495	(a) how to use the product;
1496	(b) common side effects;
1497	(c) serious side effects;
1498	(d) dosage;
1499	(e) contraindications;
1500	(f) safe storage; and
1501	(g) information on when a product should not be used.
1502	(42) "Pharmacy medical provider" means the medical provider required to be on site at a
1503	medical cannabis pharmacy under Section 26B-4-219.
1504	[(42)] (43) "Provisional patient card" means a card that:
1505	(a) the department issues to a minor with a qualifying condition for whom:
1506	(i) a recommending medical provider has recommended a medical cannabis
1507	treatment; and
1508	(ii) the department issues a medical cannabis guardian card to the minor's parent or
1509	legal guardian; and
1510	(b) is connected to the electronic verification system.
1511	[(43)] (44) "Qualified medical provider" means an individual:
1512	(a) who meets the recommending qualifications; and
1513	(b) whom the department registers to recommend treatment with cannabis in a medicinal
1514	dosage form under Section 26B-4-204.
1515	[(44)] (45) "Qualified Patient Enterprise Fund" means the enterprise fund created in Section
1516	26B-1-310.
1517	[(45)] (46) "Qualifying condition" means a condition described in Section 26B-4-203.
1518	[(46)] (47) "Recommend" or "recommendation" means, for a recommending medical
1519	provider, the act of suggesting the use of medical cannabis treatment, which:
1520	(a) certifies the patient's eligibility for a medical cannabis card; and
1521	(b) may include, at the recommending medical provider's discretion, directions of use,
1522	with or without dosing guidelines.
1523	[(47)] (48) "Recommending medical provider" means a qualified medical provider or a
1524	limited medical provider.
1525	[(48)] (49) "Recommending qualifications" means that an individual:
1526	(a)(i) has the authority to write a prescription;

1527	(11) Is licensed to prescribe a controlled substance under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah
1528	Controlled Substances Act; and
1529	(iii) possesses the authority, in accordance with the individual's scope of practice, to
1530	prescribe a Schedule II controlled substance; and
1531	(b) is licensed as:
1532	(i) a podiatrist under Title 58, Chapter 5a, Podiatric Physician Licensing Act;
1533	(ii) an advanced practice registered nurse under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice
1534	Act;
1535	(iii) a physician under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58,
1536	Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or
1537	(iv) a physician assistant under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Utah Physician Assistant Act.
1538	[(49) "State central patient portal" means the website the department creates, in accordance
1539	with Section 26B-4-236, to facilitate patient safety, education, and an electronic medical
1540	cannabis order.]
1541	(50) "State electronic verification system" means the system described in Section 26B-4-202.
1542	(51) "Targeted marketing" means the promotion by a qualified medical provider, medical
1543	clinic, or medical office that employs a qualified medical provider of a medical cannabis
1544	recommendation service using any of the following methods:
1545	(a) electronic communication to an individual who is at least 21 years old and has
1546	requested to receive promotional information;
1547	(b) an in-person marketing event that is held in an area where only an individual who is
1548	at least 21 years old may access the event;
1549	(c) other marketing material that is physically or digitally displayed in the office of the
1550	medical clinic or office that employs a qualified medical provider; or
1551	(d) a leaflet that a qualified medical provider, medical clinic, or medical office that
1552	employs a qualified medical provider shares with an individual who is at least 21
1553	years old.
1554	(52) "Tetrahydrocannabinol" or "THC" means a substance derived from cannabis or a
1555	synthetic equivalent as described in Subsection 58-37-4(2)(a)(iii)(AA).
1556	(53) "THC analog" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41-102.
1557	Section 20. Section 26B-4-202 is amended to read:
1558	26B-4-202 . Electronic verification system.
1559	(1) The Department of Agriculture and Food, the department, the Department of Public
1560	Safety, and the Division of Technology Services shall:

1561	(a) enter into a memorandum of understanding in order to determine the function and
1562	operation of the state electronic verification system in accordance with Subsection
1563	(2);
1564	(b) coordinate with the Division of Purchasing, under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah
1565	Procurement Code, to develop a request for proposals for a third-party provider to
1566	develop and maintain the state electronic verification system in coordination with the
1567	Division of Technology Services; and
1568	(c) select a third-party provider who:
1569	(i) meets the requirements contained in the request for proposals issued under
1570	Subsection (1)(b); and
1571	(ii) may not have any commercial or ownership interest in a cannabis production
1572	establishment or a medical cannabis pharmacy.
1573	(2) The Department of Agriculture and Food, the department, the Department of Public
1574	Safety, and the Division of Technology Services shall ensure that the state electronic
1575	verification system described in Subsection (1):
1576	(a) allows an individual to apply for a medical cannabis patient card or, if applicable, a
1577	medical cannabis guardian card, provided that the card may not become active until:
1578	(i) the relevant qualified medical provider completes the associated medical cannabis
1579	recommendation; or
1580	(ii) for a medical cannabis card related to a limited medical provider's
1581	recommendation, the medical cannabis pharmacy completes the recording
1582	described in Subsection (2)(d);
1583	(b) allows an individual to apply to renew a medical cannabis patient card or a medical
1584	cannabis guardian card in accordance with Section 26B-4-213;
1585	(c) allows a qualified medical provider, or an employee described in Subsection (3)
1586	acting on behalf of the qualified medical provider, to:
1587	(i) access dispensing and card status information regarding a patient:
1588	(A) with whom the qualified medical provider has a provider-patient relationship;
1589	and
1590	(B) for whom the qualified medical provider has recommended or is considering
1591	recommending a medical cannabis card;
1592	(ii) electronically recommend treatment with [eannabis in a medicinal dosage form or
1593	a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form] medical cannabis and optionally
1594	recommend dosing guidelines;

1595	(iii) electronically renew a recommendation to a medical cannabis patient cardholder
1596	or medical cannabis guardian cardholder:
1597	(A) using telehealth services, for the qualified medical provider who originally
1598	recommended a medical cannabis treatment during a face-to-face visit with the
1599	patient; or
1600	(B) during a face-to-face visit with the patient, for a qualified medical provider
1601	who did not originally recommend the medical cannabis treatment during a
1602	face-to-face visit; and
1603	(iv) submit an initial application, renewal application, or application payment on
1604	behalf of an individual applying for any of the following:
1605	(A) a medical cannabis patient card;
1606	(B) a medical cannabis guardian card; or
1607	(C) a medical cannabis caregiver card;
1608	(d) allows a medical cannabis pharmacy medical provider or medical cannabis pharmacy
1609	agent, in accordance with Subsection 4-41a-1101(10)(a), to:
1610	(i) access the electronic verification system to review the history within the system of
1611	a patient with whom the provider or agent is interacting, limited to read-only
1612	access for medical cannabis pharmacy agents unless the medical cannabis
1613	pharmacy's pharmacist in charge authorizes add and edit access;
1614	(ii) record a patient's recommendation from a limited medical provider, including any
1615	directions of use, dosing guidelines, or caregiver indications from the limited
1616	medical provider;
1617	(iii) record a limited medical provider's renewal of the provider's previous
1618	recommendation; and
1619	(iv) submit an initial application, renewal application, or application payment on
1620	behalf of an individual applying for any of the following:
1621	(A) a medical cannabis patient card;
1622	(B) a medical cannabis guardian card; or
1623	(C) a medical cannabis caregiver card;
1624	(e) connects with:
1625	(i) an inventory control system that a medical cannabis pharmacy uses to track in real
1626	time and archive purchases of any [eannabis in a medicinal dosage form, cannabis
1627	product in a medicinal dosage form,] medical cannabis or a medical cannabis
1628	device including:

1629	(A) the time and date of each purchase;
1630	(B) the quantity and type of [cannabis, cannabis product,] medical cannabis or
1631	medical cannabis device purchased;
1632	(C) any cannabis production establishment, any medical cannabis pharmacy, or
1633	any medical cannabis courier associated with the [eannabis, cannabis product,]
1634	medical cannabis or medical cannabis device; and
1635	(D) the personally identifiable information of the medical cannabis cardholder
1636	who made the purchase; and
1637	(ii) any commercially available inventory control system that a cannabis production
1638	establishment utilizes in accordance with Section 4-41a-103 to use data that the
1639	Department of Agriculture and Food requires by rule, in accordance with Title
1640	63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, from the inventory
1641	tracking system that a licensee uses to track and confirm compliance;
1642	(f) provides access to:
1643	(i) the department to the extent necessary to carry out the department's functions and
1644	responsibilities under this part;
1645	(ii) the Department of Agriculture and Food to the extent necessary to carry out the
1646	functions and responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture and Food under
1647	Title 4, Chapter 41a, Cannabis Production Establishments and Pharmacies; and
1648	(iii) the Division of Professional Licensing to the extent necessary to carry out the
1649	functions and responsibilities related to the participation of the following in the
1650	recommendation and dispensing of medical cannabis:
1651	(A) a podiatrist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 5a, Podiatric Physician Licensing
1652	Act;
1653	(B) a pharmacist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act;
1654	(C) an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b,
1655	Nurse Practice Act;
1656	(D) a physician licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or
1657	Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or
1658	(E) a physician assistant licensed under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Utah Physician
1659	Assistant Act;
1660	[(g) provides access to and interaction with the state central patient portal;]
1661	[(h)] (g) communicates dispensing information from a record that a medical cannabis
1662	pharmacy submits to the state electronic verification system under Subsection

1663	4-41a-1102(3)(a)(ii) to the controlled substance database;
1664	[(i)] (h) provides access to state or local law enforcement only to verify the validity of an
1665	individual's medical cannabis card for the administration of criminal justice and
1666	through a database used by law enforcement; and
1667	[(j)] (i) creates a record each time a person accesses the system that identifies the person
1668	who accesses the system and the individual whose records the person accesses.
1669	(3)(a) An employee of a qualified medical provider may access the electronic
1670	verification system for a purpose described in Subsection (2)(c) on behalf of the
1671	qualified medical provider if:
1672	(i) the qualified medical provider has designated the employee as an individual
1673	authorized to access the electronic verification system on behalf of the qualified
1674	medical provider;
1675	(ii) the qualified medical provider provides written notice to the department of the
1676	employee's identity and the designation described in Subsection (3)(a)(i); and
1677	(iii) the department grants to the employee access to the electronic verification
1678	system.
1679	(b) An employee of a business that employs a qualified medical provider may access the
1680	electronic verification system for a purpose described in Subsection (2)(c) on behalf
1681	of the qualified medical provider if:
1682	(i) the qualified medical provider has designated the employee as an individual
1683	authorized to access the electronic verification system on behalf of the qualified
1684	medical provider;
1685	(ii) the qualified medical provider and the employing business jointly provide written
1686	notice to the department of the employee's identity and the designation described
1687	in Subsection (3)(b)(i); and
1688	(iii) the department grants to the employee access to the electronic verification
1689	system.
1690	(4)(a) As used in this Subsection (4), "prescribing provider" means:
1691	(i) a podiatrist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 5a, Podiatric Physician Licensing Act;
1692	(ii) an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse
1693	Practice Act;
1694	(iii) a physician licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or
1695	Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or
1696	(iv) a physician assistant licensed under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Utah Physician

1697	Assistant Act.
1698	(b) A prescribing provider may access information in the electronic verification system
1699	regarding a patient the prescribing provider treats.
1700	(5) The department may release limited data that the system collects for the purpose of:
1701	(a) conducting medical and other department approved research;
1702	(b) providing the report required by Section 26B-4-222; and
1703	(c) other official department purposes.
1704	(6) The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
1705	Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish:
1706	(a) the limitations on access to the data in the state electronic verification system as
1707	described in this section; and
1708	(b) standards and procedures to ensure accurate identification of an individual requesting
1709	information or receiving information in this section.
1710	(7) Any person who negligently or recklessly releases any information in the state
1711	electronic verification system in violation of this section is guilty of a class C
1712	misdemeanor.
1713	(8) Any person who obtains or attempts to obtain information from the state electronic
1714	verification system by misrepresentation or fraud is guilty of a third degree felony.
1715	(9)(a) Except as provided in Subsections (9)(c) and (9)(e), a person may not knowingly
1716	and intentionally use, release, publish, or otherwise make available to any other
1717	person information obtained from the state electronic verification system for any
1718	purpose other than a purpose specified in this section.
1719	(b) Each separate violation of this Subsection (9) is:
1720	(i) a third degree felony; and
1721	(ii) subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000.
1722	(c) A law enforcement officer who uses the database used by law enforcement to access
1723	information in the electronic verification system for a reason that is not the
1724	administration of criminal justice is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.
1725	(d) The department shall determine a civil violation of this Subsection (9) in accordance
1726	with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
1727	(e) Civil penalties assessed under this Subsection (9) shall be deposited into the General
1728	Fund.
1729	(f) This Subsection (9) does not prohibit a person who obtains information from the state
1730	electronic verification system under Subsection (2)(a), (c), or (f) from:

1731	(i) including the information in the person's medical chart or file for access by a
1732	person authorized to review the medical chart or file;
1733	(ii) providing the information to a person in accordance with the requirements of the
1734	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; or
1735	(iii) discussing or sharing that information about the patient with the patient.
1736	Section 21. Section 26B-4-214 is amended to read:
1737	26B-4-214 . Medical cannabis caregiver card Registration Renewal
1738	Revocation.
1739	(1)(a) A cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 may designate[, through the state
1740	central patient portal,] up to two individuals, or an individual and a facility in
1741	accordance with Subsection (1)(b), to serve as a designated caregiver for the
1742	cardholder.
1743	(b)(i) A cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 may designate one of the
1744	following types of facilities as one of the caregivers described in Subsection (1)(a):
1745	(A) for a patient or resident, an assisted living facility, as that term is defined in
1746	Section 26B-2-201;
1747	(B) for a patient or resident, a nursing care facility, as that term is defined in
1748	Section 26B-2-201; or
1749	(C) for a patient, a general acute hospital, as that term is defined in Section
1750	26B-2-201.
1751	(ii) A facility may:
1752	(A) assign one or more employees to assist patients with medical cannabis
1753	treatment under the caregiver designation described in this Subsection (1)(b);
1754	and
1755	(B) receive a medical cannabis shipment from a medical cannabis pharmacy or a
1756	medical cannabis courier on behalf of the medical cannabis cardholder within
1757	the facility who designated the facility as a caregiver.
1758	(iii) The department shall make rules to regulate the practice of facilities and facility
1759	employees serving as designated caregivers under this Subsection (1)(b).
1760	(c) A parent or legal guardian described in Subsection 26B-4-213(2)(d), in consultation
1761	with the minor and the minor's qualified medical provider, may designate[, through
1762	the state central patient portal,] up to two individuals to serve as a designated
1763	caregiver for the minor, if the department determines that the parent or legal guardian
1764	is not eligible for a medical cannabis guardian card under Section 26B-4-213.

1765	(d)(i) Upon the entry of a caregiver designation under this Subsection (1) by a
1766	patient with a terminal illness described in Section 26B-4-203, the department
1767	shall issue to the designated caregiver an electronic conditional medical cannabis
1768	caregiver card, in accordance with this Subsection (1)(d).
1769	(ii) A conditional medical cannabis caregiver card is valid for the lesser of:
1770	(A) 60 days; or
1771	(B) the day on which the department completes the department's review and issues
1772	a medical cannabis caregiver card under Subsection (1)(a), denies the patient's
1773	medical cannabis caregiver card application, or revokes the conditional
1774	medical cannabis caregiver card under <u>Section</u> 26B-4-246.
1775	(iii) The department may issue a conditional medical cannabis card to an individual
1776	applying for a medical cannabis patient card for which approval of the
1777	Compassionate Use Board is not required.
1778	(iv) An individual described in Subsection (1)(b)(iii) has the rights, restrictions, and
1779	obligations under law applicable to a holder of the medical cannabis card for
1780	which the individual applies and for which the department issues the conditional
1781	medical cannabis card.
1782	(2) An individual that the department registers as a designated caregiver under this section
1783	and a facility described in Subsection (1)(b):
1784	(a) for an individual designated caregiver, may carry a valid medical cannabis caregiver
1785	card;
1786	(b) in accordance with this part, may purchase, possess, transport, or assist the patient in
1787	the use of [cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, a cannabis product in a medicinal
1788	dosage form,] medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device on behalf of the
1789	designating medical cannabis cardholder;
1790	(c) may not charge a fee to an individual to act as the individual's designated caregiver
1791	or for a service that the designated caregiver provides in relation to the role as a
1792	designated caregiver; and
1793	(d) may accept reimbursement from the designating medical cannabis cardholder for
1794	direct costs the designated caregiver incurs for assisting with the designating
1795	cardholder's medicinal use of cannabis.
1796	(3)(a) The department shall:
1797	(i) within 15 days after the day on which an individual submits an application in
1798	compliance with this section, issue a medical cannabis card to the applicant if the

1799	applicant:
1800	(A) is designated as a caregiver under Subsection (1);
1801	(B) is eligible for a medical cannabis caregiver card under Subsection (4); and
1802	(C) complies with this section; and
1803	(ii) notify the Department of Public Safety of each individual that the department
1804	registers as a designated caregiver.
1805	(b) The department shall ensure that a medical cannabis caregiver card contains the
1806	information described in Subsections (5)(b) and (3)(c)(i).
1807	(c) If a cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 designates an individual as a
1808	caregiver who already holds a medical cannabis caregiver card, the individual with
1809	the medical cannabis caregiver card:
1810	(i) shall report to the department the information required of applicants under
1811	Subsection (5)(b) regarding the new designation;
1812	(ii) if the individual makes the report described in Subsection (3)(c)(i), is not require
1813	to file an application for another medical cannabis caregiver card;
1814	(iii) may receive an additional medical cannabis caregiver card in relation to each
1815	additional medical cannabis patient who designates the caregiver; and
1816	(iv) is not subject to an additional background check.
1817	(4) An individual is eligible for a medical cannabis caregiver card if the individual:
1818	(a) is at least 21 years old;
1819	(b) is a Utah resident;
1820	(c) pays to the department a fee in an amount that, subject to Subsection 26B-1-310(5),
1821	the department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, plus the cost of the
1822	criminal background check described in Section 26B-4-215; and
1823	(d) signs an acknowledgment stating that the applicant received the information
1824	described in Subsection 26B-4-213(9)[-].
1825	(5) An eligible applicant for a medical cannabis caregiver card shall:
1826	(a) submit an application for a medical cannabis caregiver card to the department
1827	through an electronic application connected to the state electronic verification
1828	system; and
1829	(b) submit the following information in the application described in Subsection (5)(a):
1830	(i) the applicant's name, gender, age, and address;
1831	(ii) the name, gender, age, and address of the cardholder described in Section
1832	26B-4-213 who designated the applicant;

1833	(iii) if a medical cannabis guardian cardholder designated the caregiver, the name,
1834	gender, and age of the minor receiving a medical cannabis treatment in relation to
1835	the medical cannabis guardian cardholder; and
1836	(iv) any additional information that the department requests to assist in matching the
1837	application with the designating medical cannabis patient.
1838	(6) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), a medical cannabis caregiver card that the
1839	department issues under this section is valid for the lesser of:
1840	(a) an amount of time that the cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 who
1841	designated the caregiver determines; or
1842	(b) the amount of time remaining before the card of the cardholder described in Section
1843	26B-4-213 expires.
1844	(7)(a) If a designated caregiver meets the requirements of Subsection (4), the designated
1845	caregiver's medical cannabis caregiver card renews automatically at the time the
1846	cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 who designated the caregiver:
1847	(i) renews the cardholder's card; and
1848	(ii) renews the caregiver's designation, in accordance with Subsection (7)(b).
1849	(b) The department shall provide a method in the card renewal process to allow a
1850	cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 who has designated a caregiver to:
1851	(i) signify that the cardholder renews the caregiver's designation;
1852	(ii) remove a caregiver's designation; or
1853	(iii) designate a new caregiver.
1854	(8) The department shall record the issuance or revocation of a medical cannabis card under
1855	this section in the controlled substance database.
1856	Section 22. Section 26B-4-222 is amended to read:
1857	26B-4-222 . Report.
1858	(1) By the November interim meeting each year, the department shall report to the Health
1859	and Human Services Interim Committee on:
1860	(a) the number of applications and renewal applications filed for medical cannabis cards;
1861	(b) the number of qualifying patients and designated caregivers;
1862	(c) the nature of the debilitating medical conditions of the qualifying patients;
1863	(d) the age and county of residence of cardholders;
1864	(e) the number of medical cannabis cards revoked;
1865	(f) the number of practitioners providing recommendations for qualifying patients;
1866	(g) the number of license applications and renewal license applications received;

1867	(h) the number of licenses the department has issued in each county;
1868	(i) the number of licenses the department has revoked;
1869	(j) the quantity of medical cannabis shipments[that the state central patient portal
1870	facilitates];
1871	(k) the number of overall purchases of medical cannabis [and medical cannabis products]
1872	from each medical cannabis pharmacy;
1873	(l) the expenses incurred and revenues generated from the medical cannabis program;
1874	and
1875	(m) an analysis of product availability in medical cannabis pharmacies in consultation
1876	with the Department of Agriculture and Food.
1877	(2) The report shall include information provided by the Center for Medical Cannabis
1878	Research described in Section 53B-17-1402.
1879	(3) The department may not include personally identifying information in the report
1880	described in this section.
1881	(4) The department shall report to the working group described in Section 36-12-8.2 as
1882	requested by the working group.
1883	Section 23. Section 26B-4-243 is amended to read:
1884	26B-4-243. Guidance for treatment with medical cannabis.
1885	The department, in consultation with the Center for Medical Cannabis Research created
1886	in Section 53B-17-1402, shall:
1887	(1) develop evidence-based guidance for treatment with medical cannabis based on the
1888	latest medical research that shall include:
1889	(a) for each qualifying condition, a summary of the latest medical research regarding the
1890	treatment of the qualifying condition with medical cannabis;
1891	(b) risks, contraindications, side effects, and adverse reactions that are associated with
1892	medical cannabis use; and
1893	(c) potential drug interactions between medical cannabis and medications that have been
1894	approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration;[-and]
1895	(2) educate recommending medical providers, pharmacy medical providers, medical
1896	cannabis cardholders, and the public regarding:
1897	(a) the evidence-based guidance for treatment with medical cannabis described in
1898	Subsection (1)(a);
1899	(b) relevant warnings and safety information related to medical cannabis use; and
1900	(c) other topics related to medical cannabis use as determined by the department[-]; and

1901	(3) develop patient product information inserts for medical cannabis products.
1902	Section 24. Section 26B-4-247 is amended to read:
1903	26B-4-247 . Department coordination.
1904	(1) The department shall:
1905	[(1)] (a) provide draft rules made under this chapter to the:
1906	(i) [-]advisory board for the advisory board's review; and
1907	(ii) medical cannabis ombudsman;
1908	[(2)] (b) consult with the advisory board regarding:
1909	[(a)] (i) patient education; and
1910	[(b)] (ii) fees set by the department that pertain to the medical cannabis program; and
1911	[(3)] (c) when appropriate, consult with the advisory board regarding issues that arise in
1912	the medical cannabis program.
1913	(2) The department may not file a rule under Title 63G, Chapter 3, Administrative
1914	Rulemaking Act, unless the medical cannabis ombudsman agrees the rule should be
1915	<u>filed.</u>
1916	Section 25. Section 26B-4-248 is enacted to read:
1917	26B-4-248 . Medical cannabis sales website.
1918	(1) As used in this section, "designated pharmacy" means a medical cannabis pharmacy that
1919	is designated by a medical cannabis cardholder for fulfilling a medical cannabis product
1920	under Subsection (2)(c).
1921	(2) The department shall issue a request for proposals to establish and maintain a medical
1922	cannabis sales website that:
1923	(a) is accessible to medical cannabis cardholders;
1924	(b) allows a cannabis processing facility to list a medical cannabis product on the
1925	website, including:
1926	(i) the product's name;
1927	(ii) the amount of inventory the cannabis processing facility has of the product;
1928	(iii) a short description of the product provided by the cannabis processing facility;
1929	(iv) the product's intended use, dosage, and relevant warnings; and
1930	(v) laboratory test results;
1931	(c) allows a medical cannabis cardholder to request a medical cannabis pharmacy to
1932	fulfill an order; and
1933	(d) notifies a medical cannabis pharmacy when an order has been requested.
1934	(3)(a) A medical cannabis pharmacy notified under Subsection (2)(d) shall contact the

1935	medical cannabis cardholder to inform the cardholder regarding whether the
1936	pharmacy will fulfill the order.
1937	(b) If the medical cannabis pharmacy agrees to fulfill the order, the medical cannabis
1938	pharmacy may:
1939	(i) set a price for the product;
1940	(ii) determine whether the pharmacy will provide home delivery if authorized to
1941	provide home delivery under Title 4, Chapter 41a, Cannabis Production
1942	Establishments and Pharmacies; and
1943	(iii) set a delivery fee if the product will be delivered to the cardholder.
1944	(c) If a medical cannabis pharmacy needs to order a medical cannabis product from a
1945	cannabis processing facility to fulfill an order under this section:
1946	(i) the medical cannabis pharmacy shall notify the cannabis processing facility that
1947	produces the product; and
1948	(ii) the cannabis processing facility shall provide the medical cannabis product to the
1949	medical cannabis pharmacy within 15 business days from the day on which the
1950	medical cannabis pharmacy notifies the cannabis processor under Subsection
1951	(3)(c)(i).
1952	(4) The department shall provide a link to the medical cannabis sales website on the
1953	department's website.
1954	Section 26. Section 63I-2-204 is amended to read:
1955	63I-2-204 . Repeal dates: Title 4.
1956	(1) Section 4-11-117, Beekeeping working group Development of standards, is repealed
1957	May 1, 2025.
1958	(2) Subsection 4-41a-102(6), regarding the Cannabis Research Review Board, is repealed
1959	July 1, [2026] <u>2025</u> .
1960	(3) Section 4-46-104, Transition, is repealed July 1, 2024.
1961	Section 27. Section 63I-2-226 is amended to read:
1962	63I-2-226 . Repeal dates: Titles 26 through 26B.
1963	(1) Section 26B-1-241, Tardive dyskinesia, is repealed July 1, 2024.
1964	(2) Section 26B-1-302, National Professional Men's Basketball Team Support of Women
1965	and Children Issues Restricted Account, is repealed July 1, 2024.
1966	(3) Section 26B-1-309, Medicaid Restricted Account, is repealed July 1, 2024.
1967	(4) Section 26B-1-313, Cancer Research Restricted Account, is repealed July 1, 2024.

(5) Section 26B-1-420, Cannabis Research Review Board, is repealed July 1, [2026] 2025.

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- 1969 (6) Subsection 26B-1-421(9)(a), regarding a report to the Cannabis Research Review
- 1970 Board, is repealed July 1, [2026] 2025.
- 1971 (7) Section 26B-1-423, Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program Advisory Committee --
- 1972 Membership -- Compensation -- Duties, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 1973 (8) Section 26B-2-243, Data collection and reporting requirements concerning incidents of
- abuse, neglect, or exploitation, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1975 (9) Section 26B-3-142, Long-acting injectables, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 1976 (10) Subsection 26B-3-215(5), regarding reporting on coverage for in vitro fertilization and
- 1977 genetic testing, is repealed July 1, 2030.
- 1978 (11) Subsection 26B-4-201(5), regarding the Cannabis Research Review Board, is repealed
- 1979 July 1, [2026] 2025.
- 1980 (12) Subsection 26B-4-212(1)(b), regarding the Cannabis Research Review Board, is
- 1981 repealed July 1, [2026] 2025.
- 1982 (13) Section 26B-4-702, Creation of Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance
- 1983 Program, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1984 (14) Subsection 26B-4-703(3)(b), regarding per diem and expenses for the Rural Physician
- Loan Repayment Program Advisory Committee, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 1986 (15) Subsection 26B-4-703(3)(c), regarding expenses for the Rural Physician Loan
- 1987 Repayment Program, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 1988 (16) Subsection 26B-4-703(6)(b), regarding recommendations from the Rural Physician
- Loan Repayment Program Advisory Committee, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 1990 (17) Section 26B-5-117, Early childhood mental health support grant program, is repealed
- 1991 January 2, 2025.
- 1992 (18) Section 26B-5-302.5, Study concerning civil commitment and the Utah State Hospital,
- is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 1994 (19) Section 26B-6-414, Respite care services, is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 1995 (20) Section 26B-7-120, Invisible condition alert program education and outreach, is
- 1996 repealed July 1, 2025.
- 1997 Section 28. Section **63I-2-236** is amended to read:
- 1998 **63I-2-236** . Repeal dates: Title 36.
- 1999 (1) Section 36-12-8.2, Medical cannabis governance structure working group, is repealed
- 2000 July 1, [2025] 2026.
- 2001 (2) Section 36-29-107.5, Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives Task Force --
- 2002 Creation -- Membership -- Quorum -- Compensation -- Staff -- Vacancies -- Duties --

2003	Interim report, is repealed November 30, 2024.
2004	(3) Section 36-29-109, Utah Broadband Center Advisory Commission, is repealed
2005	November 30, 2027.
2006	(4) Section 36-29-110, Blockchain and Digital Innovation Task Force, is repealed
2007	November 30, 2024.
2008	Section 29. Repealer.
2009	This bill repeals:
2010	Section 26B-4-236, State central patient portal Department duties.
2011	Section 4-41a-1104, Advertising.
2012	Section 4-41a-403, Advertising.
2013	Section 4-41a-604, Advertising.
2014	Section 30. Effective Date.
2015	This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.