



UTAH DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH

Medical Cannabis Implementation

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BACKGROUND



- Ballot Proposition 2 became effective on December 1
- Utah lawmakers approved HB 3001: Utah Medical Cannabis Act (UMCA) in a Special Session of the Legislature on December 3



- Most elements of the medical cannabis program are required to be operational by March 1, 2020

PROGRAM PURPOSE



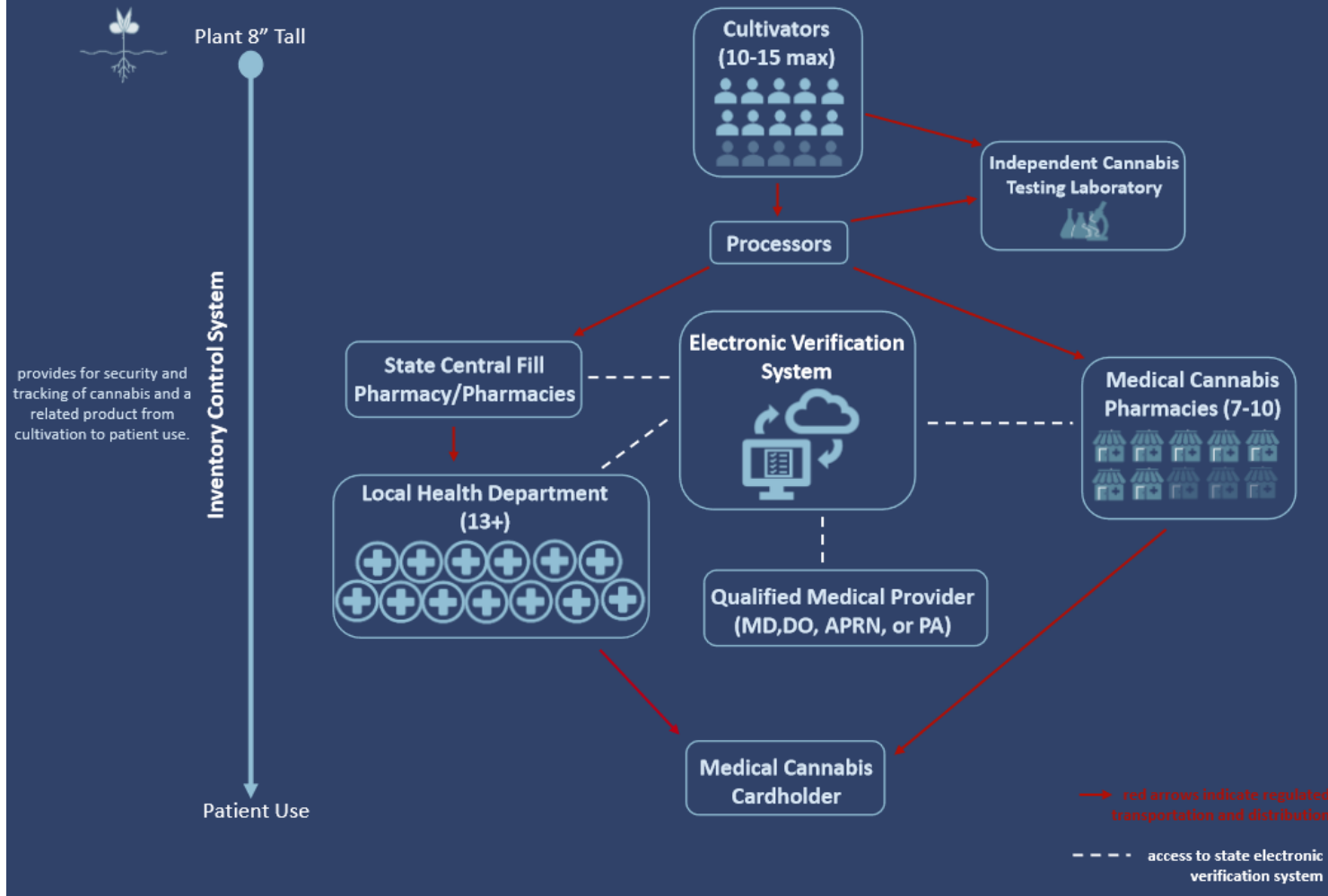
Working with trained medical professionals, qualified patients will receive a recommendation for quality-controlled cannabis products from a licensed pharmacist in a medicinal dosage form. This will be done in a way that prevents diversion of product into a black market.

UTAH MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT SYSTEM



Utah Medical Cannabis Act Overview

Updated as of December 12, 2018



IMPLEMENTATION TO DATE



Since the passing of Ballot Proposition 2 in November and the passing of HB 3001 in December, the Utah Department of Health has taken steps to plan for implementation of the Utah Medical Cannabis Act:

- Gathered information from other states about their medical cannabis programs.
- Worked with the Division of Purchasing, UDAF, DTS, DPS, to post a Request for Information (RFI) and seek information from vendors who could potentially build the electronic verification system.
- Drafted list of system requirements for the electronic verification system that are needed as part a Request for Proposal (RFP) to build the system.
- Projected our budget requirements for implementation.
- Drafted administrative rules that will be necessary for implementation if the Act.
- Educated stakeholders and the public regarding the Act.

UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION



Between now and June 2019, the Utah Department of Health plans to take the following steps to further implement the Act:

- Hire four full-time staff
- Complete drafting of administrative rules with input from groups impacted by the Act and those with experience in the medical cannabis industry
- Post the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the contract to build the electronic verification and inventory controls systems
- Plan operations for the state central fill pharmacy and the local health department distribution
- Post a RFP for companies to be one of the seven medical cannabis pharmacies
- Rollout website where medical providers, patients, and public can get information about the medical cannabis program

FY 2019 EXPENSE PROJECTIONS



Item	Cost
UDOH Personnel	\$263,000
Public Health Education	\$100,000
Website	\$30,000
In State Travel	\$500
Out of State Travel	\$4,000
AG Time for Rulemaking/Legal	\$13,000
Office Set Up (Computers, phones, etc)	\$8,200
Office Supply, DTS, Other	\$6,240
DTS Support for Electronic Verification System	\$20,000
Electronic Verification System	\$3,555,060
Departmental Operations Total	\$4,000,000

ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION SYSTEM



- Must be established before March 2020
- Allows patient, in the QMPs office, to apply for a medical cannabis patient card or a medical cannabis guardian card
- Allows a qualified medical provider (QMP) to:
 - access dispensing and card status information regarding a patient
 - electronically recommend treatment with cannabis and dosing parameters;
 - electronically renew a recommendation

ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION SYSTEM



- Connects with a inventory tracking system used by medical cannabis pharmacies and the state central fill pharmacy to track in real time and to archive purchases of any cannabis product or cannabis device
- Provides access to the Department of Health, Department of Agriculture and Food, DOPL, and Department of Public Safety
- Provides access to and interaction with state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy, state central fill agents, and local health department agents
- Provides access to state and local law enforcement under certain conditions

CONCLUSION



Questions?

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