2020

On or before January 1, 2020, the Department of Agriculture and Food shall begin accepting applications for cannabis production establishments (cannabis cultivation facilities, cannabis production facilities, and independent cannabis testing laboratories).

On or before March 1, 2020, the Department of Agriculture and Food, the Department of Health, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Technology Services shall ensure that the state electronic verification system performs functions required by law.

On or before March 1, 2020, the Department of Health shall begin issuing medical cannabis cards.

On or before March 1, 2020, the Department of Health shall begin accepting applications for medical cannabis pharmacies.

On or before July 1, 2020, the Department of Health shall establish or contract to establish a state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy.

2021

If neither a licensed medical cannabis pharmacy nor the state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy is operating within the state after January 1, 2021, a medical cannabis cardholder is not subject to prosecution for the possession of:

(i) no more than 113 grams of marijuana in a medicinal dosage form;

(ii) an amount of cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form that contains no more than 20 grams of tetrahydrocannabinol; or

(iii) marijuana drug paraphernalia.

Before January 1, 2021, an individual not guilty for marijuana use or possession as follows:

1. A Utah resident is not guilty for use or possession if, at the time of the arrest:
   o the individual had been diagnosed with a qualifying condition;
   o the individual had a pre-existing physician-patient relationship with a physician who believed that the individual’s condition could benefit from cannabis use; and
   o the cannabis or THC is in a medicinal dosage form.

2. Once the medical cannabis cards are available, a Utah resident is not guilty if, at the time of the arrest:
   a. the cannabis or THC is in a medicinal dosage form; AND
   o the individual:
      ▪ for possession, is a medical cannabis cardholder; OR
      ▪ for use, the individual is a medical cannabis patient cardholder or a minor under the supervision of a medical cannabis guardian cardholder.

At all times, for non-residents or Utah residents of less than 45 days, they are not guilty for use or possession if, at the time of the arrest:
1. the individual had a currently valid medical cannabis card or its equivalent from another U.S. state;
2. the individual had been diagnosed with a qualifying condition; AND
3. the cannabis or THC is in a medicinal dosage form.

**January 1, 2021**, if the state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy is not operational by this date or ceases operations after this date, the Department of Health shall issue an eighth medical cannabis pharmacy license.

**July 1, 2021**, if the state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy is not operational by this date or ceases operations after this date, the Department of Health shall issue a ninth medical cannabis pharmacy license.

**2022**

**January 1, 2022**, if the state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy is not operational by this date or ceases operations after this date, the Department of Health shall issue a tenth medical cannabis pharmacy license.