

NOTICES OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

[M14-261]

- 1. Title and its heading:** 9, Health Services
Chapter and its heading: 17, Department of Health Services - Medical Marijuana

2. The public information relating to the listed Article:

On July 29, 2013, the Arizona Superior Court issued an order directing the Department to establish by rule a process by which the Department may consider the reasons why a dispensary has not obtained an approval to operate within a year after being allocated a dispensary registration certificate; and criteria by which to decide whether a dispensary registration certificate should be renewed, despite the dispensary not receiving an approval to operate.

After receiving an exception from the Governor's rulemaking moratorium, established by Executive Order 2012-03, the Department is amending the Medical Marijuana rules in *Arizona Administrative Code* Title 9, Chapter 17, to comply with the court order and to make other changes that may reduce the regulatory burden, improve processes, or enhance clarity and consistency. These include adding categories of qualifying patients who are eligible for reduced fees; amending requirements for certifying physicians; amending allocation procedures for dispensary registration certificates; amending application requirements for dispensaries; and clarifying requirements for inventory control, dispensing and transporting medical marijuana, and accepting donated marijuana. The Department has posted two drafts of the rules for public comment, in February and in June. This Notice of Public Information provides notice that the Department has again posted the draft rules at <http://www.azdhs.gov/ops/oacr/rules/rulemakings/active/index.php?pg=medical-marijuana> and is soliciting comments from interested persons.

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4. The website where persons may obtain information about the rulemaking:

<http://www.azdhs.gov/ops/oacr/rules/rulemakings/active/index.php?pg=medical-marijuana>