



# BUREAU OF MEDICAL CANNABIS REGULATION

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN THE REGULATORY PROCESS

The Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation (Bureau) is creating new regulations to clarify and define existing law. These regulations will be implemented under the Administrative Procedure Act. During the public comment period of the regulatory process, all interested individuals are encouraged to participate by submitting comments regarding the proposed regulations during the public comment period.

### HOW TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE REGULATIONS

#### Receiving information through e-mail:

Individuals on the Bureau's e-mail list will receive notices or proposed regulation by e-mail. You may add yourself to the Bureau's electronic mailing list by going to <https://www.dca.ca.gov/webapps/bmcr/subscribe.php>. If you are on the electronic mailing list, you will receive the Bureau's notices of regulatory actions as well as other communications from the Bureau. You may also request to receive information via e-mail by sending a request to the Bureau by fax, mail, e-mail, or through the Bureau's website. For your convenience, a request form can be found on the Bureau's website, [http://www.bmcr.ca.gov/laws\\_regs/17-066\\_regulation\\_notice.pdf](http://www.bmcr.ca.gov/laws_regs/17-066_regulation_notice.pdf).

#### Receiving information through physical mail:

To receive the Bureau's notices of proposed regulatory actions through physical mail, please submit a request by fax, mail, e-mail, or through the Bureau's website. For your convenience, a request form can be found on the Bureau's website, [http://www.bmcr.ca.gov/laws\\_regs/17-066\\_regulation\\_notice.pdf](http://www.bmcr.ca.gov/laws_regs/17-066_regulation_notice.pdf).

#### View information on the Bureau's website:

The proposed regulations will be posted on the Bureau's website: [www.bmcr.ca.gov](http://www.bmcr.ca.gov).

### WHAT TO INCLUDE IN PUBLIC COMMENTS

To assist the Bureau with tracking and responding to your written comments, please provide the following information:

#### 1. Subject title of the proposed regulation

For example, Medical Cannabis Regulation.

#### 2. Comments specific to the proposed regulations written comments should state specific concerns regarding the proposed regulation. The most useful comments are those that:

- Identify the regulation section
- Discuss the issue
- Suggest changes to the proposed regulation text
- Explain why these changes address the issue

**NOTE:** All information submitted with your written comments on the proposed regulations becomes public information. Therefore, you may not want to include any confidential information (e.g., Social Security number) or other personal information in your comments.

### WHEN TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Bureau will begin accepting written comments regarding the proposed regulations during the announced public comment period. The end of the public comment period will be announced in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that is published in the California Regulatory Notice Register. In addition, the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking will be published on the Bureau's website.

### HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS

There are three different ways to provide the Bureau with your public comments regarding the regulations:

- Submit a comment through e-mail
- Submit a comment through physical mail, or
- Submit a comment by attending a public hearing

### Submitting a comment through e-mail:

Please send all e-mails containing public comments regarding proposed regulations to [bmcr.comments@dca.ca.gov](mailto:bmcr.comments@dca.ca.gov). In the subject line of the e-mail please type in the regulation subject title of the proposed regulation to which the comments apply (e.g., Medical Cannabis Regulation). Comments typed in a Word document or PDF format may be included as an e-mail attachment.

### Submitting a comment through physical mail:

Please mail all public comments regarding the proposed regulations to:

**Department of Consumer Affairs  
Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation**

**Regulatory Office  
P.O. Box 138200  
Sacramento, CA 95813-8200**

### Submitting a comment by attending a public hearing:

The public also has the opportunity to provide comments by attending a public hearing on the proposed regulations. Public hearings will be scheduled at the time and place announced in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking or Notice of Emergency Rulemaking that is published in the California Regulatory Notice Register and on the Bureau's website. The public is welcome to present oral comments and/or submit written comments during the public hearing. Oral comments given at a public hearing will be recorded by the Bureau. In order to ensure that attendees have an opportunity to provide oral comments, each speaker may be limited to a specific amount of time for comment, such as two minutes. Therefore, interested persons who wish to testify may also wish to bring a written testimonial to submit at the hearing. Lastly, the public hearing is intended to provide the public with an opportunity to voice opinions on the rulemaking. Thus, the Bureau will not provide a response to comments at the public hearing.

## HOW THE BUREAU ADDRESSES PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Bureau is required to consider and address all relevant comments received during the public comment period. After the close of the public comment period, the comments received from the public are reviewed by the Bureau. The Bureau will provide a summary and response to timely and relevant comments within a document called the final statement of reasons. The final statement of reasons and the adopted regulation text will be posted on the Bureau's website, [www.bmcr.ca.gov](http://www.bmcr.ca.gov), at the end of the rulemaking process.

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