



MEDIA ADVISORY

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BMCR AND OMCS TO HOLD PRE-REGULATORY MEETING IN CITRUS HEIGHTS

The Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation (BMCR) and Office of Medical Cannabis Safety (OMCS) within the California Department of Public Health will hold a pre-regulatory meeting Tuesday, September 20, 2016, in Citrus Heights, Calif. Issues related to general licensing requirements as well as specific concepts related to the regulation of medical cannabis dispensaries, distributors, manufacturers, testing laboratories and transporters will be discussed. Members of the public are invited to share ideas and specific input.

WHO: The Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation and the Office of Medical Cannabis Safety (Department of Public Health)

WHAT: Pre-regulatory meeting

WHERE: Citrus Heights Community Center, Hall B/C, 6300 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA

WHEN: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The schedule for the day will be as follows:

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Opening remarks and overview of BMCR and OMCS
1:45 – 2:45 p.m.	Discussions of general licensing requirements
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Break-out discussions by license type
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Opportunity for stakeholders to provide comments

- These are pre-regulatory meetings to solicit input from stakeholders on medical cannabis regulations. All members of the public are invited and encouraged to participate.
- Space is limited at each venue. **Attendees are asked to register for one meeting location only to allow space for participants across California to attend meetings near them.**

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- All pre-regulatory meetings will follow the same format and discussion topics.
- Subscribe to email alerts to hear about updates as they become available.

For additional information and registration, visit <http://bmcr-omcs-prereg.eventbrite.com>.

In 2015, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law three bills (Assembly Bills 243 and 266, and Senate Bill 643) that create a licensing and regulatory framework for medical cannabis through the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act. It is anticipated that the regulations will be developed by January 1, 2018.

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) promotes and protects the interests of California consumers while ensuring a competent and fair marketplace. The department also protects professionals (licensees) from unfair competition by unlicensed practitioners. Consumers can file complaints against licensees by contacting DCA at (800) 952-5210. Consumers can also file a complaint online at www.dca.ca.gov.

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