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### **North Dakota Department of Health Division of Medical Marijuana Releases Draft Manufacturing Facility Application**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) released draft manufacturing facility application materials for the Medical Marijuana Program. The draft application can be found on the Division of Medical Marijuana’s website at [www.ndhealth.gov/MM](http://www.ndhealth.gov/MM).

“The department is providing the draft to allow potential applicants the opportunity to review application materials prior to the open application period,” said State Health Officer Mylynn Tuft. “This will allow us the ability to have a shorter open application period resulting in usable marijuana being available more quickly to qualifying patients.”

The materials include application instructions, as well as the required forms needed for a complete application. The draft application materials are not to be used for submitting information to the department before the open application period and are subject to change prior to final release.

The draft application provides potential applicants insight to documentation requirements. For example, state law requires evidence of approval from local officials regarding the manufacturing facility applicant’s compliance with local zoning laws. The draft zoning form is included in the draft application materials, but applicants should be aware that, like the rest of the application, the form is subject to change.

After the application period has closed, the department will use a blind review process to evaluate completed applications. The evaluation panel is currently being finalized and will not have access to identifiable information in applications such as entity name, owner names, etc. Only complete applications will be provided to the panel for review. The panel will select up to two manufacturing facilities for registration, as authorized by state law.

Currently, the drafted proposed rules are being reviewed by the attorney general. The NDDoH intends to file the required information to have the rules presented to the Administrative Rules Committee at the meeting March 12-13.

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