



ADVISORY BULLETIN

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Verifying ID and Marijuana Sales in Response to Governor Whitmer's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order

In accordance with Governor Whitmer's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order [2020-21](#), the Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) is taking proactive steps to ensure medical marijuana patients, caregivers, and adult-use customers continue to have access to safety-tested products.

Pursuant to the MMFLA Administrative Rules and MRTMA Emergency Rules, registered qualifying patients, caregivers, and adult-use customers 21 years of age or older are required to present their valid driver's license or government-issued identification card bearing a photographic image prior to a provisioning center or retailer selling or transferring marijuana to these individuals.

However, due to the Executive Order directing individuals to remain at home or in their place of residence to the maximum extent possible and the closure of all Secretary of State offices, individuals may not be able to renew their driver's licenses or government-issued identification cards while the Executive Order is in effect.

Effective immediately, licensed provisioning centers and adult-use retailers are temporarily allowed to sell or transfer marijuana to a patient, caregiver, or customer who has an expired driver license or government-issued identification card during home delivery and curbside sales.

The MRA continues to process renewal applications for patient and caregiver registry identification cards, but there may be delays due to MRA staff teleworking in order to comply with the Governor's Executive Order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Patients may also have difficulty obtaining the physician certification required for renewal without compromising their safety.

Therefore, effective immediately, licensed provisioning centers are temporarily allowed to sell or transfer marijuana to a patient or caregiver who presents a registry identification card that expired within the preceding 60 days. Additionally, the MRA has asked law enforcement to exercise discretion when interacting with someone with an expired registry identification card.

The temporary accommodations specified in this bulletin are effective immediately and will be terminated effective April 13, 2020.

A complete copy of the Rules can be found [here](#). More information on the MRA can be found at the agency website: www.michigan.gov/MRA.

For current and up-to-date information regarding the Coronavirus visit www.Michigan.gov/Coronavirus or www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

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