



ADVISORY BULLETIN

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Clarification on the Use of the Term “Dispensary”

According to state law, a marijuana business licensed under the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA) or the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (MRTMA) may not refer to itself as a “dispensary” and may not use the word “dispensary” in its advertising. In addition, state law requires that a licensed medical marijuana facility and adult-use establishment shall not use any of these terms in the advertisement of their marijuana business:

- pharmacy
- pharmacist
- Pharm.D
- doctor of pharmacy
- pharmacy intern
- pharmacy technician
- licensed pharmacy technician
- certified pharmacy technician
- CPhT
- apothecary
- **dispensary**
- drugstore
- druggist
- medicine store
- prescriptions
- r.ph.

The Michigan Public Health Code ([Section 333.17711](#)) states that the listed words, titles, or letters – or a combination thereof, with or without qualifying words or phrases – are restricted in use only to those persons who are authorized under Part 177 of the Public Health Code – [Pharmacy Practice and Drug Control](#) – to use them in the manner prescribed in the code.

Questions can be sent to the Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) via email at MRA-Enforcement@michigan.gov.

For more information about the MRA, please visit www.michigan.gov/MRA.