DATE: April 13, 2020

To All Registered Cardholders and Providers,

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and Medical Marijuana Program (MMP) have important information for all registered cardholders and providers. On April 1, 2020, Governor Bullock signed a Directive with measures to curtail the spread of COVID-19 while maintaining patient access to medical marijuana. This letter outlines changes to the program during the state of emergency declared in Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020. Please see our website at dphhs.mt.gov/marijuana to read the complete Directive.

**Summary of the Directive for Patients:**

1. Registered cardholder daily purchase limits are suspended but monthly purchase limits remain in effect. Registered cardholders may purchase and possess their entire monthly purchase limit at one time.
2. Curbside delivery is now allowable at participating providers.
3. Current registered cardholders may renew without submitting an updated Physician’s Statement for a Debilitating Medical Condition. Renewals will be approved for the same time period as the previous physician’s statement. Montanans who are not currently registered cardholders can obtain a physician’s statement via telemedicine.
4. Physicians may conduct telemedicine appointments with new cardholders or cardholders due for renewal using audio or video telemedicine.

**Summary of the Directive for Providers:**

1. Providers may renew business licenses and obtain provisional approval without an in-person compliance inspection. Providers will need to provide their regional inspectors with documentation to demonstrate compliance during the provisional period. In-person inspections will be conducted at a later date as the state of emergency situation permits.
2. Compliance inspections will be limited to complaint-driven inspections based on reports that appear to impact public health, welfare or safety.
3. Persons of interest are not required to submit fingerprint-based background checks for renewals during the state of emergency. Persons of interest must submit fingerprints to the Department as soon as the state of emergency permits.
4. New medical marijuana licenses and/or canopy tier licenses will not be issued at this time.
5. Medical marijuana providers may hand deliver medical marijuana products to registered cardholders in a vehicle parked immediately outside the provider’s dispensary without creating a METRC transfer manifest.

Please note these temporary changes expire at the end of the declared state of emergency.
The MMP website at dphhs.mt.gov/marijuana will continue to be updated regularly with new information as it becomes available. If you have any further questions, please reach out at (406) 444-0596 or mtmarijuanaprogram@mt.gov.