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Dear Medical Marijuana Provider,

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and Medical Marijuana Program (MMP) are pleased to announce **important changes are coming soon to the program for registered cardholders and providers**. All registered cardholders will be officially untethered from providers effective June 2, 2020. This means all registered cardholders will be able to purchase medical marijuana from any licensed provider in the state starting on the effective date. Senate Bill 265, signed on May 3, 2019, requires untethering of patients on or before July 1, 2020.

This is a significant change for the MMP, providers, and registered cardholders, so please take this opportunity to read the following information and helpful reminders:

- Existing cards have provider info printed on them and will continue to be honored after untethering takes effect. The MMP is not going to issue new cards without provider info to existing registered cardholders until/unless they renew.
- The Administrative Rules proposed in January 2020 have been slightly amended based on public comments and will be published and effective on May 5, 2020. Changes in the rules must be implemented by providers to remain compliant.
- Specifically related to untethering, rule changes include:
 - Flower to infused product equivalency conversions.
 - Providers must verify a registered cardholder's purchase limits before a sale.
 - Providers must report all sales or transfers to registered cardholders at the time of sale or transfer.
 - Please see the published rules for exact language when they become available on May 5, 2020.
 - The MMP will send out additional information regarding the rules soon.
- Registered cardholders who grow their own marijuana are not eligible to purchase from the network of providers.
- At the time of writing this letter, the COVID-19 related State of Emergency is still in effect in Montana. On April 1, 2020 Governor Bullock issued a Directive implementing specific changes to the Medical Marijuana Act for the duration of the emergency. The MMP sent all registered cardholders and providers a letter outlining these temporary changes. If you did not receive this letter, please see our website for further details at dphhs.mt.gov/marijuana.

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- Untethering allows registered cardholders greater access to their medicine during the State of Emergency by enhancing choice and flexibility in scheduling visits to purchase medicine.
- During this time the MMP encourages all registered cardholders and providers to observe practical safety measures including social distancing. Cardholders are encouraged to call ahead to providers and take advantage of curbside delivery or home delivery when possible.
- Please see dphhs.mt.gov/marijuana for regular updates
- If you have any questions, please contact us via email or phone at mtmarijuanaprogram@mt.gov or (406) 444-0596.

Thank you,

Montana Medical Marijuana Program

