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MEDICAL  
CANNABIS  
COMMISSION

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FOUNDATIONS TRAINING COURSE

# Program Overview

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Part I





# How did the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission come to be?



June 10, 2019  
Alabama Medical Cannabis Study Commission was formed



May 6, 2021  
Legislature passed Senate Bill 46 which created the Medical Cannabis Commission



May 17, 2021  
Governor Ivey signed Alabama Act 2021-450 into law



July 1, 2021  
14 members of the Commission were appointed



October 1, 2021  
Director and staff hired.

# Alabama Act 2021-450

Darren Wesley “Ato” Hall  
Compassion Act



# Commission Members



**Dr. Jimmie Harvey**  
Oncologist  
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# Building the Program

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Establishing  
Rules and  
Regulations



Implementing  
Required  
Technology



License  
Applications &  
Issuance



Implementing  
Regulatory  
Framework



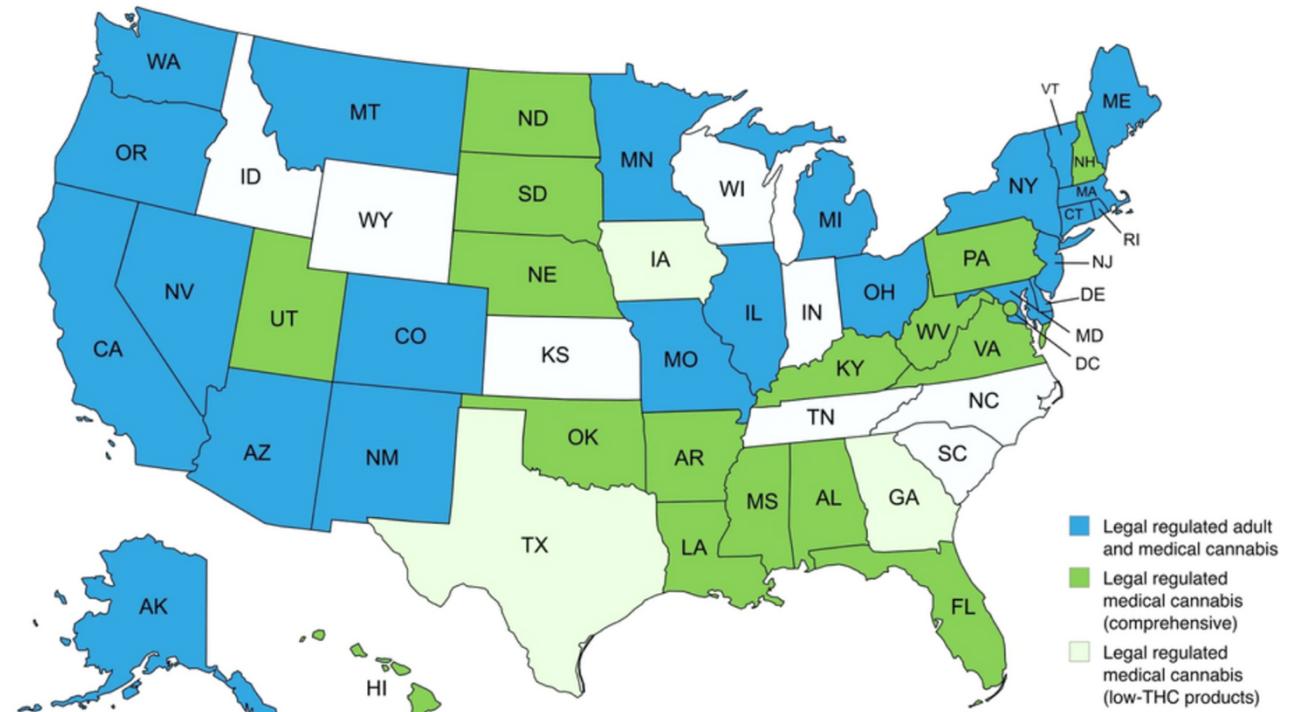
# STATE AGENCY PARTNERS



During the 2024 legislative session, the Act was amended to remove medical cannabis licensing and regulatory responsibilities of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI).

AMCC has amended its rules to be consistent with changes to the law and coordinated with ADAI on the transfer of regulatory responsibilities.

# Cannabis Laws in the U.S.



Where will  
medical  
cannabis  
products  
come from?





**All phases  
of medical  
cannabis  
production  
will take  
place within  
Alabama's  
borders.**

# Requirements Applicable to All License Types

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Part II



# Business License Types

	<b>Cultivator</b> Up to 12 Licenses		<b>Processor</b> Up to 4 Licenses
	<b>Dispensary</b> Up to 4 Licenses Each licensee is authorized to operate up to 3 dispensing sites.		<b>Secure Transporter</b> No License Limits
	<b>State Testing Laboratory</b> No License Limits		<b>Integrated Facility</b> Up to 5 Licenses Authorizes the Licensee to cultivate, process, transport and dispense medical cannabis. Each licensee is authorized to operate up to 5 dispensing sites.

# Requirements Applicable to All License Types

- ❖ Inspections
- ❖ Investigations
- ❖ Training & Continuing Education
- ❖ Marketing & Advertising
- ❖ Seed-to-Sale Tracking System (Metrc)
- ❖ AMCC Applications & Licensing Portal



# Inspections

- All licensees must submit to inspections by AMCC and designate an acceptable **point-of-contact** for all inspections.
- Before beginning operations licensees must pass a **pre-commencement inspection** conducted when the licensee announces it is ready to begin operations.
- After becoming operational licensees are required to undergo at least one **announced inspection** each year. AMCC may also conduct additional announced and **unannounced inspections**.
- The inspector will produce an **inspection report** within 14 days of the date of the inspection identifying any **noted infractions** or **critical violations** that require remediation and/or reinspection.
- Minor violations may result in an **oral warning**, and any infraction that has been remediated prior to the inspection report will not be included as a noted infraction on the report.
- Critical violations are included on the inspection report and provided to the licensee, in writing, within 48 hours of the inspection. Critical violations will result in **sanctions** and may warrant an **immediate shutdown** of the licensee's facility.



# Investigations

- The Commission, acting on information received or for any other reasonable cause or suspicion, may investigate a licensee for any alleged violation of the Act or AMCC's administrative rules.
- Investigations may be conducted by the Commission, AMCC staff, independent third parties, a state agency, or any combination thereof.
- Investigations shall ensure license eligibility, compliance with the Act and AMCC's administrative rules, and consistency with representations made to the Commission in the documents submitted by the licensee.
- The fact of an investigation may or may not be disclosed to the licensee while the investigation is ongoing.
- Results of any investigation, to the extent revelatory of any issue of concern to the Commission, shall be made known to the licensee, who shall be given an opportunity to respond, to the extent it did not have the opportunity to do so previously.



# Training and Continuing Education

- Individuals associated with a licensee, in furtherance of the licensee's eligibility and obligations under the Act and AMCC's administrative rules, are required to satisfy training and continuing education requirements.
- A licensee's owners, board members, officers, administrators, managers, and employees are required to complete this Foundations Training Course as well as training and continuing education related to cannabis, medical cannabis, and safety.
- Certain individuals are required to complete additional training specific to their roles (e.g., Certified Dispensers and transport drivers).
- All courses, whether conducted by the licensee or a third party, must be pre-approved by AMCC.
- Certificates of completion must be maintained by the licensee for a period of three (3) years and made available for inspection by AMCC upon request.

# Marketing & Advertising

**Approval Required; Exception.** Licensees must seek and receive AMCC approval to use a name, logo, sign, advertisement, or other marketing campaign or program created to induce sales. The advertising rules and restrictions do not apply to noncommercial messages (i.e., the content of which is primarily for charitable, educational, or public service purposes and does not overtly seek profit or promote the licensee or its products).

**Content Restrictions.** Any name, logo, sign, advertisement, or other marketing campaign or program of or on behalf of a licensee, regardless of the medium, must not:

- Bear a resemblance to a cartoon character or of any individual (actual or fictional) whose audience is, or is reasonably anticipated, to be more than 15% composed of minors;
- Market, distribute, offer, sell, or license any apparel or other merchandise related to the sale of medical cannabis;
- Suggest any relationship to edibles or beverages;
- Include designs or other effects that are commonly used to target minors;
- Suggest that any product or entity has been approved or endorsed by the Commission, the State of Alabama or any person, entity or agency associated with the State of Alabama;
- Advertise in a manner that is inconsistent with approved use of medical cannabis;
- Encourage the use of medical cannabis for a condition other than a qualifying medical condition;
- Contain any statement, design, representation, picture, or illustration that contains or communicates: (1) False or misleading statements; (2) Names other than the registered name of the licensee's registered business name or an approved d/b/a, or the registered name of medical cannabis or related products; (3) A depiction of cannabis plants or any part thereof; (4) Slang terms and similar references, including words or depictions directly or indirectly referring to, unlicensed uses of cannabis; (5) Disparagement of a competitor's products; (6) Obscene, indecent, or profane statements or depictions; or (7) Statements as to the health benefits or therapeutic benefits of cannabis or medical cannabis, and statements as to the safety or efficacy of cannabis or medical cannabis unless supported by substantial clinical data.



# Marketing & Advertising

**Placement Restrictions.** No licensee shall place or maintain, or cause to be placed or maintained, an advertisement of medical cannabis or any related product, in any of the following ways:

- Within 500 feet of the perimeter of a prohibited facility or any business or organization where, in the opinion of the Commission, the placement of the advertisement targets or is attractive to minors;
- On a billboard;
- On a radio or television broadcast;
- On any handheld or other portable sign;
- With respect to public places, on a brochure, handbill, pamphlet, leaflet, or flyer directly handed, deposited, fastened, thrown, scattered, cast, or otherwise distributed to any person;
- Left upon any private property without the consent of the property owners;
- On or in a vehicle, public transit vehicle, or public transit shelter; or
- On or in a publicly-owned or operated property.

**Other Restrictions.** Licensees shall not do any of the following:

- Display external signage larger than sixteen inches in height by eighteen inches in width that is not attached to the entity's permanent structure or vehicle;
- Illuminate a sign advertising a medical cannabis product or strain at any time;
- Sell or otherwise distribute clothing, apparel, or wearable accessories, unless such sale or distribution is to an employee for purposes of identification while at the licensed facility;
- Advertise medical cannabis brand names or utilize graphics related to medical marijuana on the exterior of any building or vehicle operated by the licensee; and
- Display medical marijuana, medical marijuana products, or medical marijuana paraphernalia that is visible from the exterior of the licensee's facility.



# Marketing & Advertising

**Online Presence.** A licensee may develop a website or otherwise establish a web presence advertising the name, business address, contact information, and services provided by the licensee.

The licensee's website or web presence **shall**:

- Require each user's affirmation that the user is not a minor before access to the website is granted.

The licensee's website or web presence **shall not**:

- Allow for direct engagement between or among consumers or consumer-generated content including but not limited to consumer reviews or testimonials; notwithstanding the foregoing, licensees are not prohibited from seeking or obtaining direct patient feedback or sharing actual unsolicited statements made by consumers to the licensee, so long as the content of the statement does not otherwise violate any prohibitions contained in the AMCC administrative rules.
- Provide a medium for website users to transmit website content to minors;
- Target a consumer group with a high likelihood of reaching or appealing to minors;
- Display or otherwise post content that has not been submitted to the Commission, if such content has been created or produced within Alabama or is specifically targeted to or available only to Alabama residents;
- Transact business or otherwise facilitate a sales transaction to consumers or businesses.



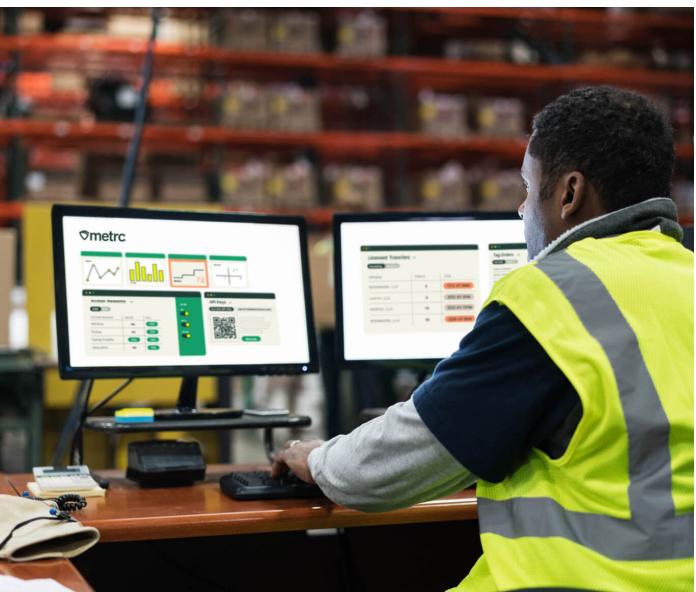
# Agent Registration

**Registration Requirement.** Each individual who will perform work or have access to cannabis, a medical cannabis facility, or related equipment or supplies of a licensee must complete an agent registration on the AMCC Applications & Licensing Portal.

**Licensee Verification.** An individual who has authority to act on behalf of the licensee must submit a verification in conjunction with the agent registration application. The licensee's verification must include the following:

- That the agent has submitted its state and national criminal background check application forms and related documents to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency ("ALEA") and the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI").
- That the agent has authorized ALEA and the FBI, as applicable, to release all criminal history information of the agent to the licensee and/or AMCC.
- That the licensee has received the agent's state and national criminal background check results.
- That the agent has no disqualifying pending charge or conviction.
- That all applicable records regarding the agent, including but not limited to all criminal background checks of the agent, shall be maintained by the licensee and, upon request, made available to the Commission, its employees, investigators, agents, or auditors.
- That the licensee and agent will comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

**Registered Agent Badge.** Upon AMCC's approval of an agent registration, the agent will be issued a Registered Agent Badge. The agent must wear the Registered Agent Badge when present at the licensee's facility.



# Seed-to-Sale Tracking



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SEED

Tag viable plants  
with a unique ID  
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Record test  
results for  
pesticides,  
microbials, and  
THC content.



Record trim,  
waste, and  
harvest.



Create detailed  
transport  
manifest.

Manufacture  
raw cannabis  
into new  
products.



Record inputs  
and additives.  
Generate  
labels.



Check patient  
registration.  
Record final  
sale  
information.



TO SALE.



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# AMCC Application & Licensing Portal

## Sign-in

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The AMCC Applications & Licensing Portal is used by various user groups to submit applications and, if approved, for licenses or other approvals to be issued.

**Industry Participants:**

- Business License Applications & Renewals
- Registered Agent Applications & Renewals
- Marketing & Advertising Approval Requests
- Packaging & Labeling Approval Requests
- Business Privilege Tax Registration

**Physicians:**

- New Physician Registration
- Physician Renewals
- Physician Certification (Patient & Caregiver)

**Patients & Caregivers:**

- New Patient Registration
- Patient Registration Renewals
- New Caregiver Registration
- Caregiver Registration Renewals

# Specific Requirements by License Type

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Part III



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Integrated  
Facility



# Integrated Facility: License Authorizations & Restrictions

**License Authorization:** An Integrated Facility licensee shall have the same authorizations granted to, and shall comply with all requirements for, cultivators, processors, secure transporters, and dispensaries. A license to operate as an Integrated Facility authorizes the following:

- The cultivation of cannabis.
- The processing of cannabis into medical cannabis, which shall include properly packaging and labeling medical cannabis products.
- The dispensing and sale of medical cannabis only to a registered qualified patient or registered caregiver.
- The transport of cannabis or medical cannabis between its facilities.
- The sale or transfer of medical cannabis to a dispensary.

**Restrictions.** A license to operate as an Integrated Facility does not authorize the Integrated Facility to:

- Transport cannabis or medical cannabis on behalf of a secure transporter, to or from another licensee facility, or to a patient or caregiver.
- Cultivate or Process cannabis on behalf of another Integrated Facility.
- Dispense or sell medical cannabis on behalf of a Dispensary Licensee or another Integrated Facility.
- To perform the functions of a State Testing Laboratory as defined in the Act and AMCC's administrative rules.



Cultivator



# Cultivators: License Authorizations & Prohibitions

**License Authorization:** A license to operate as a Cultivator authorizes the following:

- The cultivation of cannabis.
- The sale or transfer of cannabis to a Processor.
- If the Cultivator contracts with a Processor to process its cannabis into medical cannabis on the Cultivator's behalf, the sale or transfer of medical cannabis to a Dispensary.

**Secure Transporter Requirement:** A Cultivator license authorizes the Cultivator to transfer cannabis only by means of a Secure Transporter. A Cultivator shall not transport cannabis or medical cannabis.

**Prohibited Activity:** A license to operate as a Cultivator does not authorize the Cultivator to process, transport or dispense cannabis or medical cannabis, nor may a Cultivator perform the functions of a State Testing Laboratory or an Integrated Facility.

# Cultivators: Enclosed Facility & Cultivation Requirements

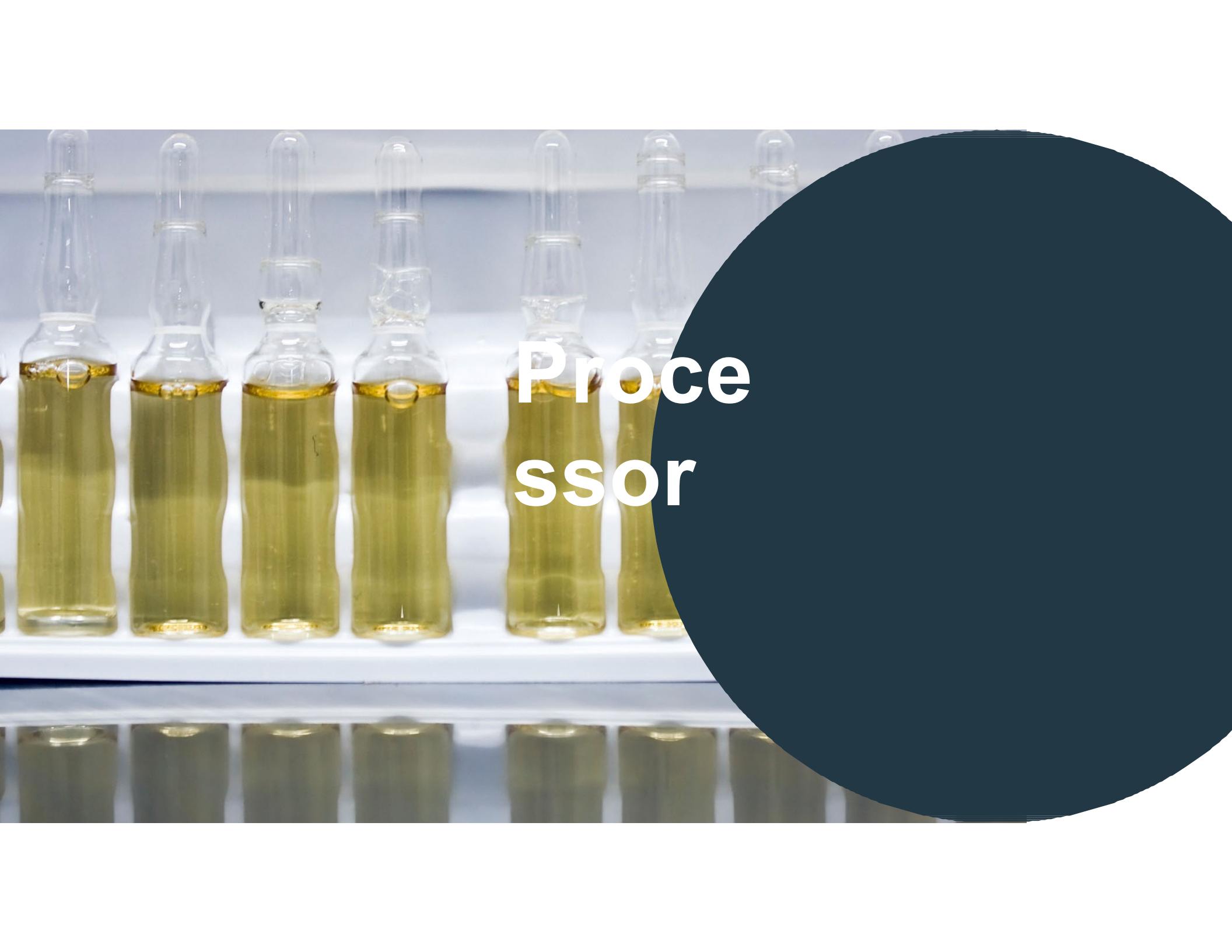


- ❖ All cannabis must be cultivated in an enclosed facility.
- ❖ Cultivators must take steps to limit the visibility of cannabis, in any form, from outside the perimeter barrier of their facilities.
- ❖ Each cannabis plant or batch of cannabis plants must be cultivated in an individual receptacle containing soil or growing media, so as to foster portability, limit cross-contamination, and facilitate proper monitoring of each plant.
- ❖ Containers may be for individual plants or for batches of plants as long as each plant is clearly identified and traceable.
- ❖ **Cultivar Approval.** Cultivators may only cultivate cannabis cultivars approved by the commission prior to acquisition of plant material. Cultivars cannot be derived from hemp or industrial hemp as defined by Ala. Admin. Code Rule 80-10-21-.02(19) but must be derived from cannabis plants that have a high likelihood of producing medical cannabis.

# Cultivators: Pesticide Usage & Testing



- ❖ Cultivators shall fully comply with all laws and administrative rules relating to the usage of pesticides in the State of Alabama.
- ❖ The commission, or its representative or agent, may perform pesticide testing on a random basis or if representatives of the commission have reason to believe that a pesticide may have been applied to cannabis in violation of the product label.
- ❖ At least quarterly, Cultivators shall, at their own cost, have their cannabis sampled by a State Testing Laboratory to ensure that no pesticides or other hazardous substances are present in the cannabis material. Cultivators must maintain records of these tests for at least two years and provide the results to the commission, upon request.
- ❖ A Cultivator may conduct or seek, at its own cost, in-house or independent third-party testing of cannabis at any other time before, at, or after the time of harvest.



Processor



# Processors: License Authorizations & Prohibitions

**License Authorization:** A license to operate as a Processor authorizes the following:

- The purchase or transfer of cannabis from a cultivator.
- The processing of cannabis into medical cannabis, which shall include properly packaging and labeling medical cannabis products, in accordance with the Act and AMCC's administrative rules.
- The sale or transfer of medical cannabis to a dispensary.

**Secure Transporter Requirement:** A Processor license authorizes the Processor to transfer medical cannabis only by means of a Secure Transporter. A Processor must not transport cannabis or medical cannabis.

**Prohibited Activity:** A license to operate as a Processor does not authorize the Processor to cultivate, transport or dispense cannabis or medical cannabis, nor may a Processor perform the functions of a State Testing Laboratory or an Integrated Facility.

# Processors: Manufacturing & Product Standards



**Manufacturing Standards.** Using documented good quality practices and meeting current Good Manufacturing Practices, a Processor must process cannabis produced by a Cultivator into an approved medical cannabis product.

**Product Standards.** A Processor's medical cannabis products must:

- Be shown to meet intended levels of purity.
- Be shown to be reliably free of toxins and contaminants.
- Contain no additives other than pharmaceutical grade excipients.
- Not be processed into a form that is attractive to or targets children.
- As to all gelatinous cube, cuboid, and lozenge medical cannabis products, conform to the universal flavor established by the Commission, which is peach.



## Allowed Products

- Oral tablet, capsule, tincture
- Non-sugarcoated gelatinous cube, gelatinous rectangular cuboid, or lozenge (peach flavored)
- Gel, oil, cream, or topical preparation
- Suppository
- Transdermal patch
- Nebulizer
- Liquid or oil for administration using an inhaler

## Unallowed Products

- Raw Plant Material
- Products that could be smoked or vaped
- Food products such as cookies or candies

# Processors: Packaging & Labeling Requirements

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**Packaging & Container Requirements.** A Processor must properly package its approved medical cannabis products, and packaging and containers must:

- Be child-resistant.
- Be tamper-evident.
- Identify the Processor and type of product.
- Not be attractive to minors.
- Be designed to minimize appeal to children.
- Not contain any false statement or statement that advertises health benefits or therapeutic benefits of medical cannabis.

# Processors: Packaging & Labeling Requirements

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**Labeling Requirements.** A Processor must properly label its packages of medical cannabis, and labels must:

- Be securely attached to or imprinted on the accompanying packaging.
- Be clear and contain print of a size and quality so as to be legible to the average patient or caregiver with a sixth-grade education.
- Identify the type of product (pills, tinctures, transdermal patches, etc.).
- Contain lot and batch numbers.
- Contain the name of and a license identification number for the Cultivator.
- Contain the name of and a license identification number for the Processor.
- Identify the cannabinoid content and potency of the product.
- Identify the amount, number or count of the product in the package on which they are attached.
- Contain the universal state symbol approved by the Commission, printed in color at least one-half inch by one-half inch in size.
- Contain the words "Keep out of reach of children."
- Contain a digital image or QR Code for purposes of tracking medical cannabis products and must interface with the Statewide Seed-to-Sale Tracking System.
- Contain the warning statement required by Ala. Code § 20-2A-63(g). (Note: this warning statement may be included on a package insert if space is not available on the label)
- Not be attractive to minors.
- Not contain any false statement or statement that advertises health benefits or therapeutic benefits of medical cannabis.

# Processors: Packaging & Labeling Requirements

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**Required Warning Statement.** Pursuant to Ala. Code § 20-2A-63(g), the following statement shall be included on the label of all medical cannabis products, if space permits, or as an insert within the product package:

**WARNING: This product may make you drowsy or dizzy. Do not drink alcohol with this product. Use care when operating a vehicle or other machinery. Taking this product with medication may lead to harmful side effects or complications. Consult your physician before taking this product with any medication. Women who are breastfeeding, pregnant, or plan to become pregnant should discuss medical cannabis use with their physicians.**

**Required QR / Digital Coding.** At the time of labeling, Processors must provide QR Coding or other approved digital coding to identify, at a minimum, the following:

- The Cultivator or Integrated Facility, by facility, from which the medical cannabis was sourced
- The name of the Processor and the Processor's facility of origin
- The type of product
- The date of processing and packaging
- The date of the Processor's State Testing Laboratory approval
- The expiration date (or, if no expiration date, a notation that the expiration date does not apply)
- The Alabama Poison Control contact information as provided on the AMCC website



Secure  
Transporter



# Secure Transporters: License Authorizations & Prohibitions

**Duties.** It shall be the duty of a Secure Transporter:

- To transport cannabis and medical cannabis, in a safe, efficient and professional manner from and to licensees' facilities, pursuant to such contracts as the Secure Transporter may negotiate between itself and one or more licensees.
- To log details regarding the product and the transport in the Statewide Seed-To-Sale Tracking System and/or the manifest relating to said transport.
- During transit, to maintain cannabis and medical cannabis: (1) in accordance with an approved security plan; and (2) in a moisture- and temperature-controlled environment acceptable to the contracting licensee, to avoid deterioration or loss of efficacy of the cargo.

**Prohibitions.** A Secure Transporter must not:

- Cultivate, process or dispense cannabis.
- Perform the functions of a State Testing Laboratory.
- Make home delivery of cannabis or medical cannabis to anyone.
- Transport patients or caregivers to or from dispensing sites or any other licensees' facilities.
- Transport any cargo except cannabis, medical cannabis and associated products, materials, packages or containers.

# Secure Transporters: Personnel



- All secure transport drivers must be at least 21 years of age and have a minimum of three years of driving experience.
- A state and national criminal background check shall be obtained for each of the Secure Transporter drivers.
- Secure Transporter leaders, drivers, and passengers shall not have received a criminal conviction within the past eight (8) years for:
  - (1) Any indictable offense.
  - (2) Any offense involving stolen property or vehicles.
  - (3) Fraud relating to any business the driver has owned, in whole or part, or in which the driver has been employed.
  - (4) Stolen property or other offense of similar nature.
  - (5) Operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance, or offense of similar nature.
  - (6) Any offense involving possession, distribution or trafficking in, any illegal substance.
- Secure Transport vehicles shall have no fewer than two personnel (a driver and one other) in the vehicle at all times when the vehicle is carrying cannabis or medical cannabis and is (a) making more than a single stop on the route and/ or (b) traveling more than ten (10) miles while carrying cannabis or medical cannabis.
- A single transport employee may transport cannabis or medical cannabis to or from a State Testing Laboratory.
- In addition to the medical cannabis education and safety training applicable to all employees of licensees generally, transport personnel employed by a secured transporter shall annually complete no less than five (5) hours of training specifically tailored to driver safety and procedures related to the proper procedures to be followed when transporting cannabis and medical cannabis.

# Secure Transporters: Vehicles



- A Secure Transporter's consent to inspections, examinations, searches, and seizures shall specifically extend to all secure transport vehicles.
- Locks and alarm systems must be installed on all vehicles proposed for the secure transport of medical cannabis, including but not limited to the storage area within each vehicle where the product is to be kept while in transit.
- Vehicle dashboard and storage area audio/ video recording devices must be installed and operational at all times while the vehicle is in transit.
- Secure transport vehicles may bear the logo or name of the Secure Transporter, but they must be free of markings indicating that they are carrying cannabis or medical cannabis, or bearing the name or logo of any other licensee.
- Secure transport vehicles must be equipped with GPS tracking and monitored throughout transit by the Secure Transporter's security center through Wi-Fi or hardwire networking technology.



# Secure Transporters: Transport Requirements

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- Cannabis and/or medical cannabis shall be kept in sealed tamper-evident containers that are not accessible to transport personnel during transit but are equipped with tracking devices that can be monitored remotely by the secure transporter at all times during transit.
- Cannabis, medical cannabis and containers holding the same must not be visible or recognizable outside the secure transport vehicle.
- Secure Transport drivers shall have ready access to duress panic and/or hold-up alarms that may be activated in the event of an attempted diversion by unauthorized personnel, hijackers, terrorists, or other improper intervenors.
- Each employee in a secure transport vehicle must have communication access to the Secure Transporter's security center and be able to contact 911 at all times while the secure transport vehicle contains cannabis or medical cannabis.
- If an emergency requires stopping the vehicle, employees must notify the secure transporter's security center (or ALEA) of the nature of the emergency and complete an incident report form provided by the Commission.
- Secure Transport vehicles carrying cannabis or medical cannabis must adhere to the designated route at all times.
- Route plans, manifests, transport logs, freight bills, bills of lading and any free-onboard ("FOB") terms of sale documents, maintenance and repair records, and insurance documentation must be kept, as to all vehicles in the secure transporter's fleet, for a period of not less than two (2) years, and longer upon the request of the Commission or law enforcement.



# Secure Transporters: Transport Requirements

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- A **manifest** is a document listing the cargo and crew of a vehicle, for the review and use of state officials and licensee personnel
- Prior to transport, Secure Transporters must enter into the Statewide Seed-to-Sale Tracking System the route plans and manifests of any vehicle transporting cannabis or medical cannabis.
- At a minimum, manifests shall contain each of the following:
  - (1) The names of the driver, crewmember, and any other individuals onboard.
  - (2) The name and address of the destination.
  - (3) The weight and description of each individual package that is part of the shipment, and the total number of individual packages.
  - (4) The date and time the medical cannabis shipment is placed into the transport vehicle.
  - (5) The date and time the shipment is accepted at the delivery destination.
  - (6) The identity of the employee having custody of the cannabis or medical cannabis, and the circumstances, duration, and disposition of any other person who had custody or control of the shipment.
  - (7) Any handling or storage instructions.
- A shipment of cannabis or medical cannabis must be verified by, and the manifest must be signed by:
  - (1) An authorized employee of the facility from which the cannabis or medical cannabis is being transported;
  - (2) The Secure Transporter's driver; and
  - (3) An authorized employee of the receiving facility.



# State Testing Laboratory



# State Testing Laboratory: License Authorizations & Prohibitions

**Authorizations.** A State Testing Laboratory is authorized, without the use of a Secure Transporter, to do the following:

- Collect a random sample of cannabis or medical cannabis at the premises of a cultivator, processor, dispensary, or integrated facility for testing.
- Take cannabis or medical cannabis from, test cannabis or medical cannabis for, and return cannabis or medical cannabis only to a respective licensed facility.
- Perform required official testing on behalf of the Commission, the results of which shall fulfill the testing requirements for cannabis and medical cannabis under the Act and AMCC's administrative rules.
- Perform private testing on behalf of a Cultivator, Processor, Secure Transporter, Dispensary, or Integrated Facility.

**Prohibitions.** A State Testing Laboratory is not authorized:

- Except at the request of the Commission, to perform testing on behalf of a patient or caregiver.
- To perform testing for individuals and entities other than licensees under the Act and AMCC's administrative rules, including individuals and entities licensed under the laws of another jurisdiction.

# State Testing Laboratory: Test Sample Collection & Transportation



## **Test Sample Collection Requirements.**

- The State Testing Laboratory which performs the test must collect the samples.
- If the licensee facility has segregated the lot or batch of cannabis or medical cannabis into batches smaller than the entire lot or production run, the State Testing Laboratory must sample and test each batch from the lot.
- A sample of cannabis for testing must be at least ten (10) grams and no more than thirty (30) grams; a sample of a production run of medical cannabis must be the lesser of one percent (1%) of the total product weight of the production run or ten (10) units of product. All samples must be homogenized before testing.
- From the time that a lot or production run has been homogenized for sample testing and eventual packaging and sale to a patient or caregiver, the facility which provided the sample shall segregate and withhold from use the entire lot or production run, except the samples that have been removed by the State Testing Laboratory for testing.
- During segregation, the facility which provided the sample shall maintain the lot or production run in a secure, cool, and dry location so as to prevent the cannabis or medical cannabis from becoming contaminated or losing its efficacy.

## **Test Sample Transportation Requirements.**

- At the time of transport, the State Testing Laboratory selecting a sample shall, using tamper-resistant products, record the name of the licensee and facility providing the sample; the batch, lot, or production run number; and the weight or quantity of the sample.
- The sample shall be sealed into a locked tamper-evident container that shall not be accessible to the State Testing Laboratory transporter during transit.
- A single employee may transport samples of cannabis or medical cannabis from or to a State Testing Laboratory for testing; such employees and transport vehicles carrying cannabis or medical cannabis are otherwise subject to the rules and regulations applicable to Secure Transporters as set forth in Chapter 7 of these Rules.
- A State Testing Laboratory transporting samples may make multiple stops to collect samples if each stop is for the sole purpose of retrieving a sample from a licensee's facility and all samples are clearly marked, kept separately, and remain secure at all times during transit.

# State Testing Laboratory: Testing Requirements

- State Testing Laboratories **must** perform tests per batch on behalf of licensees (scheduled official testing) at least once during each phase of cannabis and medical cannabis production
- State Testing Laboratories **may** perform tests at any time at the request of the Commission (unscheduled official testing) or informally at the request of a licensee (unscheduled unofficial testing).
- Official testing by a State Testing Laboratory must include the following:
  - (1) Cannabinoid content and potency
  - (2) Terpene profiles.
  - (3) Heavy metals.
  - (4) Chemical contamination, such as residual solvents remaining after extraction and concentration.
  - (5) Microbials, including pathogenic microbials.
  - (6) Mycotoxins.
  - (7) Residual pesticides: (insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, and growth inhibitors/regulators) used during cultivation

# State Testing Laboratory: Reporting Requirements

State Testing Laboratories must enter the following information into the Statewide Seed-to- Sale Tracking System as to each sample to be tested:

- The identity of the licensee for whom testing is to be performed.
- Where and how the sample was obtained.
- The size, count or weight, as available, of the sample obtained.
- The date and time the sample was obtained.
- The identity of the transporter, including any Secure Transporter, if any, including the identity of the personnel and vehicle involved in the transport.
- The date and time of the sample's arrival at the State Testing Laboratory.
- The tag, lot, or batch number (and any other information contained on the digital or QR code) applicable to the cannabis or medical cannabis, as available, from which each sample was obtained.
- The conditions of storage upon arrival at the State Testing Laboratory.
- The date and time testing commenced.
- The types of tests undertaken by the State Testing Laboratory and the amount of the sample used for each test.
- The date and time testing concluded.
- The results of testing.
- Any steps to be taken as a result of such testing.
- Any steps to be taken to dispose of or return any unused sample material.
- If returned, the date and time of the sample material's departure from the laboratory.

# State Testing Laboratory: Regulatory & Operational Requirements



**ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation:** State Testing Laboratories are required to hold this international standard to demonstrate technical competence and the reliability of results.

**Certificate of Analysis (COA):** A formal document called a Certificate of Analysis (COA) is issued for every batch tested, which lists all results and indicates whether the product passed or failed testing standards.

**Specialized Equipment:** State Testing Laboratories use advanced instrumentation such as Gas Chromatography (GC), Liquid Chromatography (LC), and Mass Spectrometry (MS) to detect compounds at ultra-low levels.



# Dispensary



# Dispensary: License Authorizations & Prohibitions

**Authority.** A dispensary license authorizes the following:

- The purchase and transfer of medical cannabis from a processor.
- If a cultivator contracts with a processor to process its cannabis into medical cannabis on the cultivator's behalf, the purchase or transfer of medical cannabis from the cultivator.
- The purchase and transfer of medical cannabis from an integrated facility.
- The dispensing and sale of medical cannabis only to a registered qualified patient or registered caregiver holding a valid, unexpired, and unrevoked medical cannabis card, and only within the sales area of the dispensing site.
- The transfer of medical cannabis, including between the dispensary's own dispensing sites, only by means of a secure transporter.

**Prohibitions.** A dispensary license does not permit a dispensary to:

- Dispense cannabis prior to its processing into medical cannabis.
- Purchase cannabis from a cultivator prior to its processing by a processor or Integrated Facility.
- Dispense medical cannabis to non-residents of Alabama or residents of Alabama who are not qualified registered patients or registered caregivers.
- Cultivate, process or transport cannabis or medical cannabis, or perform the functions of an Integrated Facility or State Testing Laboratory.



# Dispensary: Duties & Requirements

A licensed dispensary must comply with the following:

- Sell or dispense only tested medical cannabis, properly packaged, bearing the universal State symbol, and properly labeled for retail sale to a registered qualified patient or registered caregiver.
- Enter all transactions, account for all inventory, monitor patient usage, and log other relevant information as may be necessary or appropriate to the dispensary's business, into the Statewide Seed-to-Sale Tracking System.
- Dispense medical cannabis only under the supervision of a **certified dispenser**.
- Dispense only medical cannabis provided through valid contracts with other (non-dispensary) licensees and related products associated with medical cannabis (e.g., inhalers or other administration aids).
- Prohibit medical cannabis use on its premises.
- Restrict access to the premises of dispensing sites to registered qualified patients and registered caregivers.
- Equip dispensing sites with surveillance cameras or other recording devices as provided in a cohesive security plan, maintaining footage captured thereon for a period of no less than sixty (60) days following the date of recording.
- (h) Dispense medical cannabis to patients and caregivers holding a valid, unexpired and unrevoked medical cannabis card, only in accordance with product and dosing instructions provided by the registered certifying physician.



# Dispensary: Certified Dispensers

- A certified dispenser is a managing employee of a dispensary who has undergone training and certification as required by the Commission to oversee the dispensing of medical cannabis to a registered qualified patient or registered caregiver at a dispensing site.
- A certified dispenser must be on duty at all times while the dispensing site is open for business; a certified dispenser must oversee and sign off on all sales of medical cannabis as the dispensary employee ultimately responsible for each transaction.
- A certified dispenser must have, at a minimum, two years of education or experience in the fields of biology, biochemistry, chemistry, physiology, pharmacology, medicine, medical cannabis, nursing, pharmaceuticals, or a similar field.
- A certified dispenser **may** provide instructions on the proper administration of medical cannabis, education regarding potential side effects, potential drug interactions, or other aspects of medical cannabis.
- A certified dispenser **may not** offer advice regarding the safety or effectiveness of medical cannabis, the recommended daily dosage, or type of medical cannabis recommended by the registered certifying physician, except that a certified dispenser may direct the patient or caregiver back to the registered certifying physician to address questions or provide advice that the certified dispenser cannot.



# Dispensary: Transaction Requirements

**Prior to dispensing medical cannabis**, the dispensary, acting through a certified dispenser or employee supervised by a certified dispenser, shall confirm each of the following:

- That the patient or caregiver holds a valid, current, unexpired, and unrevoked medical cannabis card.
- That the dispensing of medical cannabis conforms to the type and amount recommended in the physician certification.
- That the amount recommended will not exceed the 60-day daily dosage purchasing limit.

**At the time of dispensing medical cannabis**, the certified dispenser, or another dispensary employee under the supervision of the certified dispenser, shall enter into the patient registry and the Statewide Seed-to-Sale Tracking System, and shall attach to the package containing the medical cannabis the following patient-specific information:

- Name and medical cannabis card number of the patient;
- Name and medical cannabis card number of the caregiver, if applicable;
- Name and contact information of the registered certifying physician;
- Amount and type of medical cannabis being dispensed;
- Physician's dosing comments and maximum daily dosage recommendation; and
- Date and time the medical cannabis was dispensed.

**At the time required by law**, the certified dispenser or another dispensary employee acting under the supervision of the certified dispenser, must allocate the appropriate sum for satisfaction of taxes as may be levied against the sale.



# Dispensary: Dispensing Site (Retail Location) Requirements

**Allowed Structures.** A dispensing site may consist of a stand-alone building or occupy dedicated exclusive space within a multi-use structure, strip mall or other such retail facility, except that a dispensing site may not occupy space within the same multi-use structure, strip mall or other such retail facility as a certifying physician or another licensee.

## Parking.

- Dispensing sites in stand-alone buildings – (1) Parking area adjacent to structure for the exclusive use of patients and caregivers designed to provide reasonable privacy to those individuals in their ingress and egress from the dispensing site; or (2) A designated portion of the parking area that is situated conveniently to the dispensing site, and which may be monitored and supported for the reasonable safety and security of customer patients and caregivers.
- Dispensing sites in multi-use structures, strip malls, or other such retail facilities - A designated portion of the facility's parking area that is situated conveniently to the dispensing site, and which may be monitored and supported for the reasonable safety and security of customer patients and caregivers.

**Restricted Proximity to School, Daycare or Childcare Facility.** The location of any dispensing site must be at least 1000 feet from any school, day care, or childcare facility.

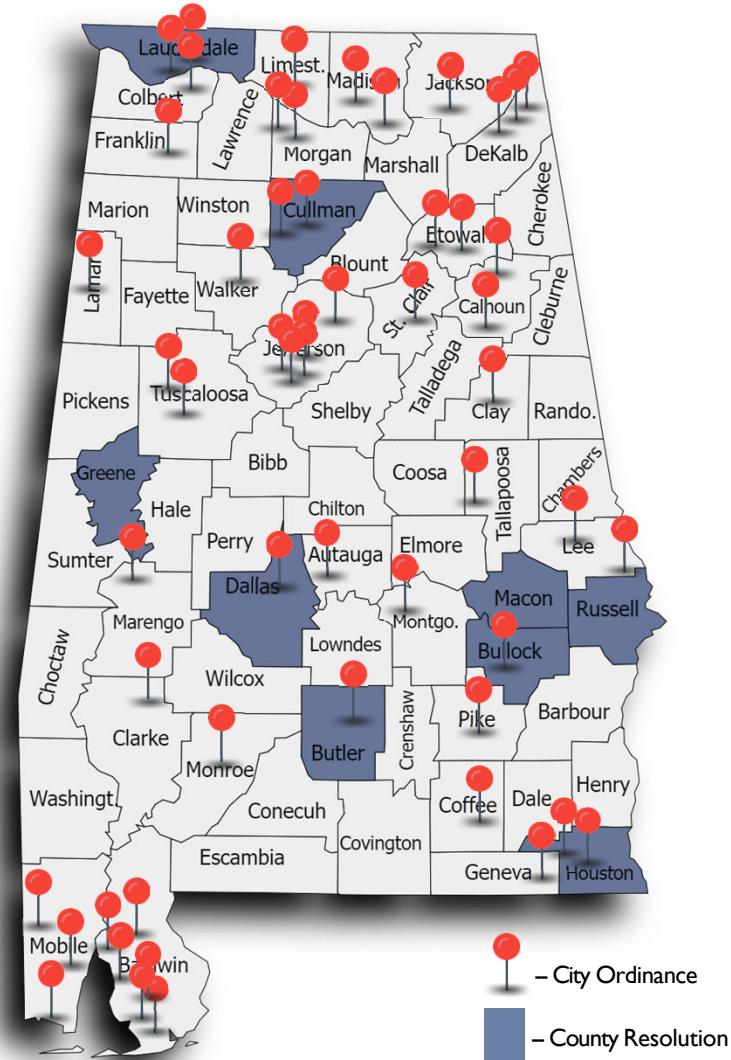
- Proximity measured in a straight line from the property line of the dispensing site premises to the property line of the school, daycare or childcare facility, measured at the nearest possible point between the two.
- Applies to K-12 public and private schools, and licensed daycare/childcare facilities.

**Authorizing Local Resolution or Ordinance Required.** A dispensing site may not operate in the unincorporated area of a county or in a municipality that has not adopted a resolution or ordinance authorizing the operation of dispensing sites within its boundaries.

# Resolutions/Ordinances

## Permitting Dispensing Sites Received by the Commission

- [Alexander City](#)
- [Ashland City](#)
- [Athens City](#)
- [Attalla City](#)
- [Bayou La Batre](#)
- [Bessemer City](#)
- [Birmingham City](#)
- [Bullock County](#)
- [Butler County](#)
- [Center Point City](#)
- [Coosada City](#)
- [Cowarts City](#)
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- [Union Springs](#)
- [Vernon City](#)



# Physicians, Patients & Caregivers

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Part IV





# Physician Requirements

Hold active license to practice medicine

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Complete 4-hour course on medical cannabis and pass exam

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Meet additional qualifications established by the State Board of Medical Examiners



# Qualifying Medical Conditions

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Cancer related cachexia, nausea or vomiting, weight loss, chronic pain
- Crohn's Disease
- Depression
- Epilepsy or a condition causing seizures
- HIV/AIDS - related nausea or weight loss
- Panic Disorder
- Parkinson's Disease
- Persistent nausea
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Sickle Cell Anemia
- Spasticity associated with Multiple Sclerosis or spinal cord injury
- A terminal illness
- Tourette's Syndrome
- Condition causing chronic or intractable pain



## Allowed Products

- Oral tablet, capsule, tincture
- Non-sugarcoated gelatinous cube, gelatinous rectangular cuboid, or lozenge (peach flavored)
- Gel, oil, cream, or topical preparation
- Suppository
- Transdermal patch
- Nebulizer
- Liquid or oil for administration using an inhaler

## Unallowed Products

- Raw Plant Material
- Products that could be smoked or vaped
- Food products such as cookies or candies

# Patient Registry System

1. Receives and records physician certifications
2. Tracks qualified patient and caregiver registration
3. Information relating to conditions and dosage
4. Verifies medical cannabis card is current
5. Tracks purchases made by patient, dispensary, date, time, amount, and type
6. Interfaces with seed-to-sale tracking system
7. Provides secure access authorized industry and regulatory users.



# How do I get placed on the Patient Registry?

- To be placed on the patient registry system, you must receive diagnosis of a qualifying medical condition from a registered certifying physician.
- If the physician recommends the use of medical cannabis, then the physician will enter the patient's information and recommendation on the patient registry system.
- The patient is then eligible to complete a patient registration and apply for a medical cannabis card.
- If the patient is required to have or chooses to have a caregiver, then the caregiver must complete a separate application on the registry system.
- The patient and caregiver registration must have a corresponding record completed first by a registered certified physician.



# Medical Cannabis Card

Includes the following information

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- Identifying Information:
  - name, address, and date of birth
- Photo
- Identity as patient or caregiver
- Effective and Expiration dates
- Compliance and validity statements  
(e.g., “This card is only valid in the State of Alabama.”)





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- Business License Applications & Renewals
- Registered Agent Applications & Renewals
- Marketing & Advertising Approval Requests
- Packaging & Labeling Approval Requests
- Business Privilege Tax Registration

#### **Certifying Physicians:**

- New Physician Registration
- Physician Renewals
- Physician Certification (Patient & Caregiver)

#### **Patients & Caregivers:**

- New Patient Registration
- Patient Registration Renewals
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