



## SOUTH DAKOTA MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM

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### **RE: UPDATE 10/03/2022 Metrc External Transfers One-Time Extension**

**UPDATE:** Due to the hurricane and resulting emergency circumstances in Florida, Metrc has been offline or unavailable to help process requests from South Dakota users. Therefore, the medical cannabis program is extending the deadline for beginning inventory one final time, to October 14, 2022, 5:00 pm central time. Please do not wait until the deadline to begin the process, or you may be unable to input all the requisite information. **The new deadline to have completed any and all required external transfers for your beginning inventory is October 14, 2022, at 5:00 pm.** This is a modification to the previous deadline of October 3, 2022, described in the original announcement below.

#### Original Announcement:

On July 19, 2022, DOH promulgated new administrative rules regarding the medical cannabis program. One of the changes was to amend ARSD 44:90:11:01, to include the provision:

“The department shall notify all medical cannabis establishments when the inventory tracking system is live. Upon notification by the department, a medical cannabis establishment shall comply with the inventory tracking system requirements and this section and complete all external transfers into the system within 45 days. An external transfer for purposes of this section means a transaction in the inventory tracking system where an establishment enters inventory into the system from a source that was not previously recorded in the tracking system. External transfers pursuant to SDCL 34-20G-12 may continue to occur after the 45-day deadline.”

On August 1, 2022, the department sent notice to all establishments that Metrc, the selected inventory tracking system, was live and all existing inventory was to be entered into Metrc by September 15, 2022.

In response to the number of questions and concerns about the impending deadline we have received from establishments, the department has determined that a one-time extension for external transfers will be allowed. The new deadline for beginning inventory you have on hand as of the day you enter your inventory into the Metrc system is 5 pm CST on October 3, 2022. We are considering beginning inventory as any cannabis you have in your possession now that you did not acquire from an in-state vendor with a pre-existing Metrc tag from South Dakota.

There will be no further extension granted after October 3, 2022. If your establishment will not be operational prior to this deadline, any cannabis you purchase for your establishment must exist in Metrc in South Dakota's medical cannabis program prior to your purchase of that cannabis.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [MCQuestions@state.sd.us](mailto:MCQuestions@state.sd.us).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynne A. Valente". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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