Overview of Proposed Medical Cannabis Administrative Rules
August 4, 2021
Medical Cannabis – Key Dates

- November 2021 – Initiate Measure 26 passes
- Law effective: July 1, 2021 (SDCL 34-20G)
- DOH to promulgate rules to be effective by October 29, 2021 (SDCL 34-20G-72)
- Cards issued to patients and caregivers by November 18, 2021 (SDCL 34-20G-29)
- Cannabis grown in registered establishments not likely to be available before summer/early fall 2022
Implementation Status

- Staff positions filled
  - Program manager – Geno Adams
  - Attorney – Ali Schaefbauer

- RFP for patient registry and licensing system
  - April 26 – RFP published
  - August – Contract selection (pending)
  - September – Contract start date
  - By October 29 – System in place
  - By November 18 – Cards issued to patients and caregivers

- RFP for seed to sale tracking system
  - July 12 – RFP published
  - August 23 – Responses due
Administrative Rules Development

- January 2021 – Contracted with Cannabis Public Policy Consulting (CPPC) to advise on implementation of medical cannabis program
  - CPPC assisting with drafting administrative rules (ARSD 44:90)
- June 24 – released draft of ARSD 44:90 to the general public
- June 28 – Hosted two tele-townhalls to receive public input on the draft rules
- June 29 – Hosted four Zoom sessions with stakeholders (cannabis industry, law enforcement, local municipalities/counties, and health care providers) to receive input on the draft rules
- July 16 – Met with representatives of the cannabis industry to receive input on draft rules
- Received 98 comments on draft rules
  - 46 comments were accepted/changes made (47%)
Administrative Rules Promulgation Timeline

- July 27 – Released an updated draft of rules and initiated the formal rules promulgation process
  - Posted on Administrative Rules Portal (https://rules.sd.gov/)
  - Notice published in Aberdeen American News, Argus Leader, and Rapid City Journal
  - News release issued

- August 18 – public hearing on proposed ARSD 44:90
  - 1:30 – 3:30 pm in Kneip Conference Room 3
  - Remote testimony permitted (must pre-register)
  - Written comments can be mailed to the DOH or submitted electronically to dohcomments@state.sd.us or DOHAdminRules@state.sd.us (must reach DOH by August 28th)

- August 30–September 3 – DOH revises ARSD 44:90 based on written and oral testimony

- September 13 – Interim Rules Review Committee

- October 4 – ARSD 44:90 becomes effective (if approved by Rules Review Committee)
Overview of Proposed Medical Cannabis Rules
ARSD 44:90:01 - Definitions
- Provides for the definitions of terms used throughout ARSD 44:90

ARSD 44:90:02 – Registry Identification Card
- Outlines the requirements for a registry identification card for South Dakota residents (e.g., written certification, debilitating medical condition, designation of caregivers, designation for home cultivation)
- Outlines the requirements for a registry identification card for non-residents (e.g., written certification, debilitating medical condition recognized in SD, state of residence allows use of medical cannabis)
- Outlines requirements for caregivers (e.g., 21 years of age, background check, no more than 5 qualifying patients, no caregiver collaboratives)
- Provides an equivalent cannabis chart for possession of medical cannabis

ARSD 44:90:03 – Registration Certificates
- Establishes requirements for a registration certificate for medical cannabis establishments (e.g., operating procedures, compliance with applicable local ordinances, background checks)
- Provides for tiebreaking procedures in instances where there are more applications than allowed by a local government
ARSD 44:90:04 – Establishments
- Establishes security requirements for establishments (e.g., lighting, doors, security cameras, controlled access by contractors/visitors)
- Outlines requirements for transport of medical cannabis (e.g., transport manifests, registered agents, storage, permitted stops)

ARSD 44:90:05 – Cannabis Cultivation Facilities
- Outlines requirements for cannabis cultivation facilities (e.g., manager on-site, cultivation areas, hours of operation)
- Establishes requirements for the use of pesticides/other chemicals (e.g., staff training, DANR pesticide applicator certification, list of approved pesticides)

ARSD 44:90:06 – Cannabis Testing Facilities
- Outlines requirements for cannabis testing facilities (e.g., ISO/IEC accreditation, collection of samples, chain of custody, reporting test results)
ARSD 44:90:07 – Cannabis Product Manufacturing Facilities
- Outlines standards for manufacturing practices (e.g., equipment, storage)
- Outlines conditions that deem medical cannabis non usable (e.g., pesticides, mold, bacteria, etc.) and provides for remediation, if applicable
- Establishes prohibited manufacturing activities (e.g., nothing in shape of human, animal, cartoon, etc.)
- Outlines permitted medical cannabis products
- Establishes extractions standards (e.g., generally safe, potentially hazardous, inherently hazardous)

ARSD 44:90:08 – Cannabis Dispensaries
- Outlines requirements for cannabis dispensaries (e.g., controlled access, staff training, websites)

ARSD 44:90:09 – Sampling and Testing
- Establishes phased-in mandatory testing requirements for cannabis products
- Provides for collection/packaging of samples and storage of products awaiting test results
ARSD 44:90:10 – Packaging, Labeling, and Advertising
- Establishes packaging/labeling requirements for medical cannabis for retail sale (e.g., child-resistant, tamper-evident, resealable, font-size)
- Outlines requirements for advertising (e.g., targeted at cardholders 21 years of age and older)
- Establishes prohibited forms of advertising (e.g., signs/billboards, handbills in public areas, direct mail/phone/text/email without verifying recipient is cardholder, tv/radio)
- Dispensaries may advertise on their own premises

ARSD 44:90:11 – Recordkeeping
- Requires use of electronic inventory tracking system (seed to sale) prescribed by DOH

ARSD 44:90:12 – Enforcement
- Provides for routine, unannounced inspections by DOH
- Provides for suspension or revocation of registration certificate for serious or multiple violations
- Provides for revocation of registry identification care for unauthorized sale or multiple violations
ARSD 44:90:13 – Petitions to Recognize Debilitating Medical Conditions

- In addition to the conditions listed in SDCL 34-20G-1(8), recognizes the following conditions and treatments as qualifying debilitating medical conditions
  - AIDS/HIV
  - ALS
  - Multiple sclerosis
  - Cancer or its treatment, if associated with severe or chronic pain, nausea or severe vomiting, or cachexia or severe wasting
  - Crohn’s disease
  - Epilepsy/ seizures
  - Glaucoma
  - PTSD

- Outlines requirements to petition to add medical condition to list
  - SD resident, description of specific medical condition including ICD-10 code, diagnostic criteria for determining whether medical cannabis is appropriate for the medical condition, peer-reviewed research, and letters of support from two SD physicians
Proposed Rules – How to Provide Comments

- Proposed rules available at: [https://medcannabis.sd.gov/](https://medcannabis.sd.gov/)

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