

Illinois Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Annual Report to the General Assembly

September 30, 2014

Members of the General Assembly,

Pursuant to Section 160 of P.A. 98-0122, the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act [410 ILCS 130], the Illinois Department of Public Health is providing this update on the Medical Cannabis Pilot Program (MCPPI).

The Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act (Act) was signed by Governor Pat Quinn on August 1, 2013 and became effective January 1, 2014. Implementation began immediately by the Illinois Departments of Agriculture, Central Management Services, Financial and Professional Regulation, Public Health, Revenue, and State Police. On July 15, 2014 the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules approved the rules for the MCPPI from the Departments of Agriculture, Financial and Professional Regulation, Public Health, and Revenue. On July 20, 2014 Governor Pat Quinn signed legislation to add the treatment of adults and children with seizures to the Act. The legislation is effective January 1, 2015 and the Illinois Department of Public Health has begun rulemaking.

Qualifying patients and their designated caregivers started submitting medical cannabis registry identification card applications online and by mail on September 2, 2014 to the Illinois Department of Public Health. As of September 29, 2014 thousands of eligible patients have started completing applications for registry identification cards. The Department is currently accepting completed applications and will be reviewing the physician certifications and variety of debilitating medical conditions within the applications. The Illinois Departments of Agriculture and Financial and Professional Regulation accepted over 350 applications for

medical cannabis cultivation centers and medical cannabis dispensing organizations September 8, 2014 through September 22, 2014.

The Illinois Department of Public Health looks forward to continuing the implementation of the Medical Cannabis Pilot Program, and will provide further updates throughout the 4-year pilot period.

Sincerely,

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