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Hawaii Medical Marijuana Dispensary License Application Now Available Online

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) Medical Marijuana Dispensary License application is now available online at mmidisp.ehawaii.gov. Applications must be submitted online and will only be accepted during the application period of Jan. 12, 2016, 8 a.m., Hawaii Standard Time (HST) to Jan. 29, 2016, 4:30 p.m. HST.

“Applicants should be careful to follow the online application instructions completely,” said Keith Ridley, Chief of the DOH Office of Health Care Assurance. “The online process is straight forward and follows Chapter 329D of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and Chapter 11-850 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules.”

The online process allows applicants to save their entries and resume their application at any time, 24/7, and submit it at a later time. However, applicants must save their application every time they access it even if there are no revisions or new entries. An email confirmation with the application number will be sent to the email address provided upon successful submission. All information on dispensary license requirements is posted at <http://health.hawaii.gov/medicalmarijuana/>.

The \$5,000 application fee, for each application submitted, in the form of a certified check or cashier’s check payable to the State of Hawaii Department of Health, must be delivered or mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to: Department of Health, Medical Marijuana Dispensary Licensing, Room 337, 601 Kamokila Blvd., Kapolei, HI 96707. The application fee must be received by the department or postmarked by 4:30 p.m. HST, Jan. 29, 2016.

The medical marijuana dispensary law, Chapter 329D, HRS, allows DOH to award a total of eight licenses initially: three licenses for the City and County of Honolulu, two dispensary licenses each for the County of Hawaii and the County of Maui, and one dispensary license for the County of Kauai. Each dispensary licensee will be allowed to operate up to two production centers and two retail-dispensing locations.

DOH expects to select and announce licensees by April 15, 2016. A dispensary licensed pursuant to Chapter 329D, HRS, may begin dispensing medical marijuana not sooner than July 15, 2016, with the approval of the Department.

For more information about the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Licensing Program, go to <http://health.hawaii.gov/medicalmarijuana/>.

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