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**Packaging and Labeling Guidance Document
Requirements for Adult-Use and Medical Marijuana Products**

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In anticipation of adult-use sales beginning on or after December 1, 2022, the Office of Cannabis Regulation is releasing this amended Guidance Document regarding requirements for packaging and labeling for both medical and adult-use products.

Packaging

All current medical packaging requirements detailed in Section 1.5.2 of the Regulation are applicable and required for adult-use and medical products.

Universal Symbol

Pursuant to Section 1.5.3(E)(5) of the Regulation, a DBR-selected universal warning symbol must appear on the front or most prominently displayed area of the package, no smaller than one (1) inch by one (1) inch and pursuant to Section 1.5.5(B)(1)(a) an approved logo or graphic must not be larger than the required universal symbol.

- Each logo and/or graphic must be approved by OCR.
- A licensee may have multiple approved logos and graphics displayed on their packaging.
- Each approved logo and/or graphic must be of equal size or smaller than the required universal symbol.
- Multiple approved logos and graphics that are colored (not defined as neutral) may appear on the packaging so long as each individual approved logo and/or graphic is smaller than the required universal symbol.

Neutral Color

Pursuant to Section 1.5.2(B)(1) packaging must be of a neutral color. Neutral colors include but are not limited to black, white, gray, beige, brown, and tan. Neutral colors do not include primary and secondary colors (such as red, orange, yellow, green, blue, or purple) or any variant of primary or secondary colors.

Packaging may:

- Contain multiple neutral colors
- Contain multiple approved logos and graphics that are colored (not defined as neutral) so long as each individual approved logo and/or graphic is smaller than the required universal symbol.

Labeling

All current medical labeling requirements detailed in Section 1.5.3 of the Regulation are applicable and required for adult-use and medical products.

Warnings

Adult-use and Medical

Warnings on **all** retail-ready marijuana products must:

1. Be in the English language.
2. Be in Times New Roman, Calibri, Arial, Helvetica or any other font that can be easily read.
3. Be in text no smaller than size 8 font and bolded.
4. Be displayed in a bright yellow box as to stand out from other labeling requirements.
5. Not be covered or obscured.
 - Warnings may be stated in a peel-back accordion, expandable, or extendable style so long as the label can be easily identified by a consumer as containing important information as follows:
 - The exposed portion of the peel-back label must clearly indicate that it contains a warning.
 - The exposed portion of the peel-back label must be displayed in the bright yellow box; and
 - The exposed portion of the peel-back label must comply with all other requirements stated above.

The below warnings have been amended for both adult-use and medical products and as such are required to be displayed on the product packaging at the time of sale.

1. “Warning: This product contains marijuana. Store in a securely locked cabinet away from children.”
2. “Warning: It is unlawful to transport this product outside of Rhode Island.”
3. For marijuana products intended to be smoked or vaporized:
 - “Warning: Smoking and Vaping is hazardous to your health.”
 - “Warning: Vaping can expose you to toxic chemicals that may lead to death”.
4. For marijuana infused products, product packaging must state in slightly larger or bolded font as to stand out from surrounding text, with priority placement:
 - “Effects of this product may be delayed by 3 or more hours.”
5. For all topical products, it must state:
 - “For Topical Application – Do Not Eat or Smoke.”