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Enforcement of Required Potency Testing Beginning with flower products harvested on or after January 14, 2021

This Bulletin is issued by the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation (“DBR”), Office of Cannabis Regulation (“OCR”) to provide guidance regarding the mandatory testing and enforcement of all flower products offered for sale at a compassion center.

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) has issued licenses for third-party analytical testing laboratories pursuant to [216-RICR-60-05-6 Licensing Analytical Laboratories for Sampling and Testing Medical Marijuana](#) (the “DOH Testing Regulations”). OCR has allowed for a phase-in period where licensed cultivators and compassion centers could reach out to the licensed laboratories, OCR and RIDOH in order to ask questions, clarify requirements and begin the required sampling and testing of all flower products for potency (THC, THCA, CBD, CBDA). The phase-in period for testing is ending. Please be advised:

All flower products with a harvest date on or after January 14, 2021 must be sampled and tested for potency by a licensed laboratory and labeled pursuant to 230-RICR-80-05-1 § 1.5.3(E)(4) in order to be designated as medical marijuana and be offered for sale at a compassion center.

All licensed compassion centers and cultivators should be prepared to contact a RIDOH licensed laboratory to conduct required sampling and testing for flower products.

This guidance is issued in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws § 21-28.6-12 *et seq.*, and the Rules and Regulations Related to the Medical Marijuana Program Administered by the Department of Business Regulation 230-RICR- 80-5-1. **This document is intended to provide information and should not replace a thorough reading of the regulations found here: <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/230-80-05-1>.**

All questions regarding required sampling and/or testing should be submitted in writing to DBR.MMPCompliance@dbr.ri.gov with the subject line Sampling/Testing Question. These will be addressed via a public document posted to the Department’s website.