



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION  
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*Medical Marijuana  
Compliance Program*

**Medical Marijuana Program Bulletin Number 2019-3  
Change in BCI Requirements**

This notice is to inform you that effective immediately only employees who are key persons – those who are members, directors, investors, or who hold managing or operational control over licensed activities or have equity shares or an ongoing financial interest in the license - are required to obtain a BCI when applying for or renewing a registry identification card. Going forward any hourly or salaried employee who does not meet the criteria listed above does not need to obtain a BCI check. Please note that the department still reserves the right to determine and approve suitability for those who participate in the industry. In the interest of transparency, it is recommended that any known past drug offenses or industry non-compliance be disclosed to the department when submitting an application for a Registry Identification card. If you are unsure if someone qualifies for a BCI or if you have any questions regarding the new process, please contact the department and we will assist you.

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