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## **Bulletin 2023-1 Supersedes Bulletin 2022-3**

### **Medical Marijuana Program Bulletin 2023-1**

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 and concentrates including extracts and resins 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”). Please be advised that:

**All extracts, resins and concentrates manufactured with the use of a solvent on or after February 27, 2023, must be sampled and receive passing residual solvents results from a licensed laboratory pursuant to 230-RICR-80-05-1 § 1.11(A) in order to be designated and be offered for sale to a patient/caregiver or adult-use consumer at a compassion center. Please refer to [Residual Solvent Testing 1-23-2023](#) for guidance on what is a residual solvent.**

All flower products with a harvest date on or after June 30, 2022, must be sampled and receive passing pesticide results from a licensed laboratory pursuant to 230-RICR-80-05-1 § 1.11(A) in order to be designated as medical marijuana and be offered for sale at a compassion center.

All extracts, resins and concentrates with a manufactured date on or after June 30, 2022, must be sampled and receive passing pesticide results from a licensed laboratory pursuant to 230-RICR-80-05-1 § 1.11(A) in order to be designated as medical marijuana and be offered for sale at a compassion center.

All flower products with a harvest date on or after December 30, 2021, must be sampled and receive passing heavy metals results from a licensed laboratory pursuant to 230-RICR-80-05-1 § 1.11(A) in order to be designated as medical marijuana and be offered for sale at a compassion center.

All extracts, resins and concentrates with a manufactured date on or after December 30, 2021, must be sampled and receive passing heavy metals results from a licensed laboratory pursuant to 230-RICR-80-05-1 § 1.11(A) in order to be designated as medical marijuana and be offered for sale at a compassion center.

All flower products with a harvest date on or after May 24, 2021, must be sampled and receive passing water activity testing results by a licensed laboratory pursuant to 230-RICR-80-05-1 § 1.11(A) in order to be designated as medical marijuana and be offered for sale at a

compassion center.

All flower products with a harvest date on or after March 16, 2021, must be sampled and receive passing microbiological testing results from a licensed laboratory pursuant to 230-RICR-80-05-1 § 1.11(A) in order to be designated as medical marijuana and be offered for sale at a compassion center.

All extracts, resins and concentrates with a manufactured date on or after March 16, 2021, must be sampled and tested for potency by a licensed laboratory pursuant to 230-RICR-80-05-1 § 1.11(A) in order to be designated as medical marijuana and be offered for sale at a compassion center.

All flower products with a harvest date on or after January 14, 2021, must be sampled and tested for potency by a licensed laboratory pursuant to 230-RICR-80-05-1 § 1.11(A) in order to be designated as medical marijuana and be offered for sale at a compassion center.

This guidance is issued in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws § 21-28.6-1 *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](mailto: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.

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