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## Press Release

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### MARYLAND MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION ACCEPTS FINDINGS OF FACT TO ALLOW REINSTATEMENT OF PRE-APPROVED APPLICATIONS

*MaryMed, LLC re-issued Stage One Pre-Approval for Maryland Medical Cannabis Grower, Processor, and Dispensary Licenses*

**Linthicum, MD** - On March 7-8, Administrative Law Judge John J. Leidig conducted a full evidentiary hearing and issued a "Proposed Finding of Fact," which concluded that there is no reasonable likelihood that MaryMed, LLC- illegally diverted medical cannabis from Minnesota to New York.

In November 2015, MaryMed LLC, submitted applications to the Commission for Stage One Pre-Approval as a grower, processor and dispensary. At that time, MaryMed, LLC was 90% owned by Vireo Health, LLC, with the remaining 10% owned by Dr. Mark Schneyer. In December of 2015 Vireo Health, LLC was also the majority owner of two other medical cannabis organizations: Minnesota Medical Solutions and Vireo Health of New York.

In August 2016, MaryMed, LLC was awarded Stage One Pre-Approval by the Commission for a grower license and a processor license. Later- that same month, the Commission became aware that the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension was investigating Minnesota Medical Solutions and Vireo New York for allegations of diverting medical cannabis across state lines from Minnesota to New York. The following month, a Certificate of Formation was filed to form Dorchester Capital, LLC. In November 2016, Vireo Health and Dr. Schneyer contributed and transferred all of their equity in MaryMed, LLC to Dorchester Capital, LLC. On November 28, 2016, the Commission voted to award MaryMed, LLC a Stage 1 Pre-Approved cannabis dispensary license.

In June 2017, based on the information provided by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigation, the Commission voted to issue a Notice of Intent to Deny MaryMed's pre-approved applications for medical cannabis grower, processor, and dispensary licenses

In September 2017, MaryMed, LLC requested a hearing. The Commission delegated authority to the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a full evidentiary hearing and provide the Commission with proposed findings of fact.

The Commission accepts Administrative Law Judge Leidig's Proposed Finding of Fact, and agreed to reinstate each of the MaryMed, LLC pre-approved applications. In addition to successfully



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completing all regulatory requirements for licensure, MaryMed, LLC must also comply with the following additional security terms and conditions:

1. MaryMed, LLC must adopt best industry practices, as approved by the Commission related to diversion prevention and inventory control;
2. MaryMed, LLC must submit to enhanced supervision by the Commission as directed;
3. MaryMed, LLC shall retain storage of all recordings of security video surveillance, as required under COMAR 10.62.10.07, 10.62.21.06, and 10.62.27.07, for a minimum of 365 days and incur all costs associated with the retention and storage of the security and video

The Commission will continue to monitor this situation carefully and expects to observe the highest level of quality, safety and security, as put forth by MaryMed in their initial applications. The Commission retains its broad investigatory authority to take further action, should new evidence come to light.

*The Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC) develops policies, procedures, and regulations to implement programs that ensure medical cannabis is available to qualifying patients in a safe and effective manner. The MMCC oversees all licensing, registration, inspection, and testing measures pertaining to Maryland's medical Cannabis program and provides relevant program information to patients, providers, caregivers, growers, processors, dispensaries, and testing laboratories*

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