



Medical Cannabis Processor Rankings – September 2019

On September 18, 2019, the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC) voted to approve the rankings for medical cannabis processor applications. The rankings announced by the MMCC were “blinded,” meaning applicants were only identifiable by a unique identifier provided upon application submission. Part I (below) discloses the methodology for the ranking of applications. Part II displays the rankings of applications for a medical cannabis processor license.

I. Methodology

COMAR 10.62.19.04I.

I. The Commission, or a Commission independent contractor, shall review for a pre-approval for a license the submitted applications as described in Regulations .02B and .04E of this chapter. The applications shall be ranked based on the following weighted criteria:

(1) Operational Factors will be afforded 20 percent weight, including:

(a) A detailed operational plan for the production of medical cannabis extracts and medical cannabis-infused products; and

(b) Summaries of policies and procedures for:

(i) Laboratory operations;

(ii) Processing; and

(iii) Packaging;

(2) Safety and Security factors will be afforded 20 percent weight, including:

(a) Detailed plan or information describing the security features and procedures;

(b) Detailed plan describing how the processor will prevent diversion; and

(c) Detailed plan describing safety procedures;

(3) Commercial laboratory, pharmaceutical manufacturing and consumer products production factors will be afforded 15 percent weight, including, experience, knowledge and training in:

- (a) Chemical plant management;
 - (b) Pharmaceutical manufacturing; and
 - (c) Consumer product production;
- (4) Production control factors will be afforded 15 percent weight, including:
- (a) A detailed quality control plan;
 - (b) A detailed inventory control plan; and
 - (c) A detailed medical cannabis waste disposal plan;
- (5) Business and economic factors will be afforded 15 percent weight, including:
- (a) A business plan:
 - (i) Demonstrating a likelihood of success;
 - (ii) Demonstrating a sufficient business ability and experience on the part of the applicant; and
 - (iii) Providing for appropriate employee working conditions, benefits, and training;
 - (b) Demonstration of adequate capitalization; and
 - (c) A detailed plan evidencing how the processor will enforce the alcohol and drug free workplace policy;
- (6) Additional factors that will be afforded 15 percent weight, including:
- (a) A diversity plan as defined in COMAR 10.62.01.01;
 - (b) Documentation that the applicant:
 - (i) Has at least 51 percent of its ownership interest held by one or more individuals who are disadvantaged equity applicants; or
 - (ii) Made good faith efforts to have at least 51 percent of its ownership interest held by disadvantaged equity applicants, including a list of the names and addresses of all potential owners interviewed and identifying those who qualify as disadvantaged equity applicants and whether any of those potential owners have purchased an equity share in the entity submitting an application;
 - (c) Documentation that the applicant:

(i) Has at least 25 percent and not more than 50 percent of its ownership interest held by one or more individuals who are members of the most disadvantaged groups in the medical cannabis industry, as identified by the Commission; or

(ii) Made good faith efforts to have at least 25 and not more than 50 percent of its ownership interest held by members of the most disadvantaged groups in the medical cannabis industry, including a list of the names and addresses of all potential owners interviewed and identifying those who are members of the most disadvantaged groups and whether any of those potential owners have purchased an equity share in the entity submitting an application;

(d) Documentation that the applicant:

(i) Has at least 51 percent of its ownership interest held by one or more individuals who are members of the most disadvantaged groups in the medical cannabis industry, as identified by the Commission; or

(ii) Made good faith efforts to have at least 51 percent of its ownership interest held by members of the most disadvantaged groups in the medical cannabis industry, including a list of the names and addresses of all potential owners interviewed and identifying those who are members of the most disadvantaged groups, and whether any of those potential owners have purchased an equity share in the entity submitting an application; and

(e) Demonstration that the applicant meets three or more of the following criteria:

(i) At least 51 percent of its ownership interest is held by one or more individuals who have lived in an economically disadvantaged area for 5 of the preceding 10 years;

(ii) A majority of the current employees live in an economically disadvantaged area;

(iii) A majority of the current contractors live in an economically disadvantaged area;

(iv) At least 51 percent of its ownership interest is held by one or more individuals who are a member of a household that earns no more than 80 percent of the State median household income; and

(v) The applicant has significant past experiences in or business practices that promote economic development and empowerment in economically disadvantaged areas.

II. Processor Rankings

Ranking	PROCESSOR ID
1	P2023
2	P2004
3	P2040
4	P2038
5	P2075
6	P2076
7	P2049
8	P2025
9	P2029
10	P2024
	P2072
12	P2093
13	P2010
14	P2028
15	P2048
	P2077
17	P2043
18	P2074
19	P2047
20	P2081
21	P2036
22	P2032
23	P2035
24	P2050
25	P2042
26	P2073
27	P2044
28	P2064
29	P2031
30	P2030
31	P2013
32	P2002
33	P2005
34	P2080
35	P2099
36	P2022
37	P2046

38	P2033
39	P2078
40	P2018
41	P2037
42	P2095
43	P2003
44	P2021
45	P2063
46	P2034
47	P2087
48	P2056
49	P2058
50	P2086
51	P2070
52	P2083
53	P2000
54	P2066
55	P2017
56	P2006
57	P2045
58	P2057
59	P2015
60	P2079
61	P2067
62	P2012
63	P2007
64	P2054
65	P2091
66	P2014
67	P2068
68	P2020
69	P2065
70	P2071
71	P2088
72	P2052
73	P2027
74	P2009
75	P2053
76	P2085

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77	P2101
78	P2019
79	P2059
80	P2008
81	P2096
82	P2090
83	P2103
84	P2082
85	P2069
86	P2001
87	P2011
88	P2061
89	P2041
90	P2062
91	P2039
92	P2026
93	P2089
94	P2084
95	P2016
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