



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

David E. Brown, D.C.
Director

Department of Health Professions

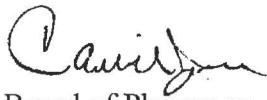
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463

www.dhp.virginia.gov
TEL (804) 367- 4400
FAX (804) 527- 4475

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Robert B. Bell
Chairman, House Courts of Justice
Pocahontas Building, Room E311
900 East Main Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable Mark D. Obenshain
Chairman, Senate Courts of Justice
Pocahontas Building, Room E502
900 East Main Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

FROM: Caroline D. Juran, RPh 
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Pharmacy
Department of Health Professions

DATE: December 19, 2019

RE: Report on Operation of Pharmaceutical Processors

Pursuant to §54.1-3442.7 of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Pharmacy is providing its annual report regarding the operation of pharmaceutical processors. Please feel free to contact me at (804) 367-4456 or caroline.juran@dhp.virginia.gov should you have any questions.

Report on Operation of Pharmaceutical Processors

Virginia Board of Pharmacy

Pursuant to Code of Virginia - § 54.1-3442.7 (C.)

December, 2019

Subsection C of § 54.1-3442.7 of the Code of Virginia specifies that:

C. The Board shall report annually by December 1 to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice on the operation of pharmaceutical processors issued a permit by the Board, including the number of practitioners, patients, registered agents, and parents or legal guardians of patients who have registered with the Board and the number of written certifications issued pursuant to § 54.1-3408.3.

In accordance with the statutory provision, the Board of Pharmacy reports the following information:

Permits for Pharmaceutical Processors:

The 5 pharmaceutical processors awarded conditional approval on December 21, 2018 must complete all of the requirements for the issuance of a permit in accordance with the Regulations Governing Pharmaceutical Processors and become operational within one year. In part, those requirements include a satisfactory inspection of the facility conducted by the board or its agents. The board is prepared to conduct the inspection for each pharmaceutical processor prior to December 21, 2019 upon receipt of their permit application and fee. Once the pharmaceutical processor is awarded a permit, the cultivation process may begin. As of November 1, 2019, no permit applications have been received, no inspections have been performed, and therefore no permits have been issued. The names of the five pharmaceutical processors awarded conditional approval are listed below.

- Pharmacann (Health Service Area I)
- Dalitso (Health Service Area II)
- Dharma (Health Service Area III)
- Green Leaf (Health Service Area IV)
- Columbia Care (Health Service Area V)

Registration of Individuals

Registration of practitioners, patients, and parents/legal guardians began in July, 2018. As enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia during the 2019 session, the board is currently promulgating emergency regulations to address the registration of the registered agents. It is anticipated that registration for registered agents will begin as soon as the emergency regulation becomes effective.

Practitioners who have registered to issue certifications for CBD or THC-A oil	373
Patients who have registered	1282
Parents/guardians who have registered	29
Registered agents	0

Number of Written Certifications

The Board does not know the number of written certifications issued as physicians are not required to report that information. Once pharmaceutical processors are operational, dispensing of CBD or THC-A will be reported to the Prescription Monitoring Program along with the physician who issued the certification. At that time, it will be possible to determine an aggregate number of certifications issued by each physician.