

## State of New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission

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## RESOLUTION <u>2022-35</u> WAIVER OF RULES TO REDUCE QUALIFYING PATIENT AND PRIMARY CAREGIVER ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL FEES

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30A-7.11, the Commission's, or the Commission's designee, in accordance with the general purpose and intent of N.J.S.A. 24:6I—1 et seq., may waive certain requirements regarding the operations of Alternative Treatment Centers, if in the Commission's, or the Commission's designee's, determination, such a waiver is necessary to achieve the purpose of P.L. 2009, c.307 and provide access to patients who would otherwise qualify for the use of medicinal cannabis to alleviate suffering from debilitating medical conditions, and does not create a danger to the public health, safety or welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-4(a), the Commission shall establish a registry of qualifying patients and their designated caregivers and shall establish a means of identifying and verifying the registration status of patients and designated caregivers who are registered with the Commission. Registration with the commission shall be valid for two years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-4(a)(2), a patient or designated caregiver shall be registered with the commission upon submitting required documentation and an "application or renewal fee, which may be based on a sliding scale as determined by the Commission"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30A-2.1(c), the fee to apply for issuance or renewal of a registry identification card as either a qualifying patient or a primary caregiver is \$100.00, unless the applicant is reduced-fee eligible, in which case, the fee to apply for issuance or renewal of a registry identification card is \$20.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has received, reviewed, and considered multiple requests to reduce qualifying patient and primary caregiver issuance and renewal fees; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that reducing qualifying patient and primary caregiver issuance and renewal fees from \$100.00 to \$50.00 will benefit the patient population by providing access to medical cannabis for more patients and caregivers, alleviate suffering from debilitating medical conditions and does not create a danger to the public health safety or welfare;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, that N.J.A.C. 17:30A-2.1(c) is hereby waived, as indicated in the attached Certificate of Rule Waiver, to reduce qualifying patient and primary caregiver issuance and renewal fees from \$100.00 to \$50.00. This waiver shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission.

Submitted by:

Dianna Houenou, Chair

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the <u>28th</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2022.

Christopher Riggs, Chief Counsel

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Barker			X			
Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso	X		X			
Commissioner Delgado		X	X			
Chairwoman Houenou			X			
Commissioner Nash		,	X			