



MEMORANDUM

TO: Cannabis Regulatory Commission Board
FROM: Christopher Riggs, Acting Executive Director
SUBJECT: Request for Changes of Location: Columbia Care New Jersey LLC
DATE: [JULY 18, 2024](#)

BACKGROUND: A request came in on May 21, 2024, from Senior Counsel and Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Kellie Rivera, requesting relocation of Columbia Care New Jersey LLC's ("Columbia Care") satellite dispensary facility from its location at 4436 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, New Jersey to 4476 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, New Jersey. Due to permitting issues with the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("DOT"), Columbia Care is unable to locate its Alternative Treatment Center at the initial 4436 Black Horse Pike site. Since Columbia Care was formally notified of DOT's determination in 2023, Columbia Care has consistently been seeking an appropriate location. During this search, Columbia Care has kept the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("NJ-CRC") apprised of its efforts through communication with the Office of Compliance and Investigations.

AUTHORITY:

17:30A-7.8 Amendments to alternative treatment center permit

(a) An ATC shall submit to the Commission an application for an amended permit, together with fees, if applicable, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30A-7.10, prior to any:

- 1. Change of the alternative treatment center's location;*
- 2. Change of the alternative treatment center's ownership;*
- 3. Change of the alternative treatment center's name;*
- 4. Change in the alternative treatment center's capacity; or*



5. *Modification of or addition to the alternative treatment center's physical plant.*

(b) The alternative treatment center shall submit the application to the permitting authority no later than 30 business days prior to the change.

17:30A-7.10 Fees

(a) The following fees apply:

1. The annual fee for the review of a permit renewal application for an alternative treatment center is \$20,000;

2. The fee to apply for a change of location of the alternative treatment center is \$10,000;

3. The fee to apply for a change of capacity or any physical modification or addition to the facility is \$2,000; and

4. The fee to apply for the transfer of ownership of a permit is \$20,000.

(b) Fees shall be paid by certified check, money order, or any other form of payment approved by the Commission, and made payable to the "Treasurer, State of New Jersey."

REQUEST: Columbia Care is requesting to change the location of its satellite medical dispensary:

From: 4436 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, New Jersey 08330

To: 4476 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, New Jersey 08330

Due to the 4436 Black Horse Pike's location on a State roadway, Columbia Care was required to obtain a Major Access Permit from the DOT. After hiring traffic consultants and engineers to produce the necessary property surveys, traffic data, and access plans for the DOT permit, Columbia Care began its permitting process with DOT in March of 2021. The Dot then determined that the site was unsuitable due to DOT's safety concerns with the access point (entrance/exit) for the site. That determination was appealed by Columbia Care and the appeal was denied. The new



site, one mile down the road from the prior approved location, does not create the same DOT-related problems as the prior site.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend approval of the request to amend the medical permit of the above-referenced entity. NJ-CRC OCI requires submission of evidence of site control for the location, evidence of local approvals from the municipality in which the licensee/permittee will newly operate, and an employee transition plan. The applicant has provided the requisite information.

The fees, as established by regulation, are \$10,000.00 – for change of location of an alternative treatment center. The fee for the change will be invoiced and submitted upon approval by the Board.

Upon approval by the Board and completion of all necessary construction and the transition of equipment, OCI will conduct a site inspection of the new facilities to confirm compliance with the law and regulations, prior to executing the official documents for amendment of the Columbia Care permit.