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New Jersey Cannabis Trade Association

Re: FINAL AGENCY DECISION

The New Jersey Cannabis Trade Association Regulation Waiver Request NJ-CRC Docket No.: WR001

Dear New Jersey Cannabis Trade Association,

The New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("NJ-CRC" or "Commission") is in receipt of your request that the Commission remove the mandates of both expedited access and patient-only hours at expanded Alternative Treatment Centers ("ATCs"), or in the alternative eliminate patient-only hours and require expanded ATCs to provide expedited access and designated point of sale terminals for patient transactions. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-3.7(a), the Commission may waive a regulatory requirement regarding the operations of a cannabis business, to the extent such waiver does not conflict with any other State law, if in the Commission's determination, such a waiver: (1) is necessary to achieve the purpose of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act ("Act"); (2) is necessary to provide access to cannabis items to consumers; and (3) does not create a danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

The Commission has reviewed your request and determined that a waiver of the patient-only hours requirement is necessary to achieve the purposes of the Act, is necessary to provide consumers access to cannabis items, and would not create a danger to public health, safety, or welfare. Accordingly, the Commission has granted your request to eliminate patient-only hours at expanded ATCs. Expanded ATCs shall remain subject to all other terms and conditions of licensure, including the requirements to provide express patient and designated caregiver access and designate point-of-sale terminals that will be available for use at all times exclusively for patient and designated caregiver transactions.

Please be advised that the waiver of the patient-only hours requirement also applies to all previously issued Final Agency Decisions (FADs) to expanded ATCs.

Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please submit your inquiry to the NJ-CRC Licensing inbox at crc.licensing@crc.nj.gov and the NJ-CRC Legal inbox at crc.legal@crc.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

Dianna Houenou

Chairperson

New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission