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Mr. Abner Kurtin
Ascend NJ LLC
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Dear Mr. Kurtin,

Notice of Violation/s

N.J.A.C. 8:64-9.1 Alternative treatment centers policies, procedures and records

(a) Each alternate treatment center shall develop, implement and maintain on premises an operations manual that addresses, at minimum the following: 3. Procedures to ensure accurate recordkeeping, including inventory protocols to ensure that quantities cultivated do not suggest redistribution.

N.J.A.C. 8:64-9.8 Reportable events. An ATC, upon becoming aware of a reportable loss, discrepancies identified during inventory, diversion or theft, whether or not the medicinal marijuana, funds or other lost or stolen property is subsequently recovered and/or the responsible parties are identified and action taken against them, shall 1. Immediately notify appropriate law enforcement authorities by telephone; and 2. Notify the permitting authority immediately but no later than three hours after discovery of the event.

On February 23, 2021, Ascend NJ LLC received a wholesale transfer of 6,900 units (jars) of medicinal marijuana flower and shake product from TerrAscend NJ. The wholesale shipment was delivered to the Ascend NJ LLC cultivation facility, Franklin Borough, N.J. Upon delivery, an Ascend employee signed for the delivery acknowledging that all product quantities were received without conducting a physical inventory. A Short time later, while inventorying the wholesale shipment one flat of 50 jars (Candy Store Shake, 3.5 grams) was unaccounted for.

Ascend cultivation employees failed to follow written procedures, "Bulk Inventory Receiving Steps", which states product will be inventoried against the manifest and invoice. Delivery personnel shall provide a manifest upon arrival with product. (Verify it matches printed copy of

manifest.) Verify the batch number and product name matches the manifest. Inspect product for proper labeling and proper packaging. Hand count the batch and confirm the product quantity matches the quantity listed on the manifest.

Ascend NJ supervisory employees, [REDACTED], Regional Sales Manger failed to notify the local lae enforcement agency, Franklin Township Police Department or the NJ DMM of the reportable loss or doversion of the 50 units fo shake product.

Ascend NJ LLC shall submit a corrective action plan within 7 calendar days that provides an explanation and remedy to the above violation. Also, Ascend will provide the information of the employees involved as well as the corrective actions taken with copies of documentation regarding retraining and discipline. A Monitoring Report will be completed on this incident referring to a violation of N.J.A.C. 8:64-9.1 Alternative treatment centers policies, procedures and records, N.J.A.C. 8:64-9.8 Reportable events. However, DMM will update this violation as being in compliance when your corrective action and retraining documents have been received and approved.

Regards,



Fred Loblein