



Medical Marijuana Authorization Database

Stakeholder Input Sessions:

- September 2, 2015 -- *Renton*
- September 3, 2015 -- *Vancouver*
- September 15, 2015 -- *Yakima*
- September 16, 2015 -- *Spokane*

Objective for this Session

Collect input

that will inform the rules

***regarding the medical marijuana
authorization database***

Welcome

- Introduction and Purpose of today's session
- Handouts
- Overview of agenda
 - Explanation of roles – note-takers, timers, facilitator, participants
 - Guidelines for participants
 - Rule making process -- DOH
 - History of legislation – DOH
 - Process for participant input
 - Wrap up, next steps

Guidelines for Participants

- This is a public meeting and everyone is welcome
- Since this is a public meeting anything shared has the potential to be part of public record
- The intent is for everyone to be respectful of all parties present
- Each individual will have the opportunity for one, timed comment period of several minutes
- Comment time cannot be donated to another individual

Methods of Collecting Input

- Individually written comments via worksheets
- Verbal comments – timed
- Comments emailed to website – now or later
medicalmarijuana@doh.wa.gov

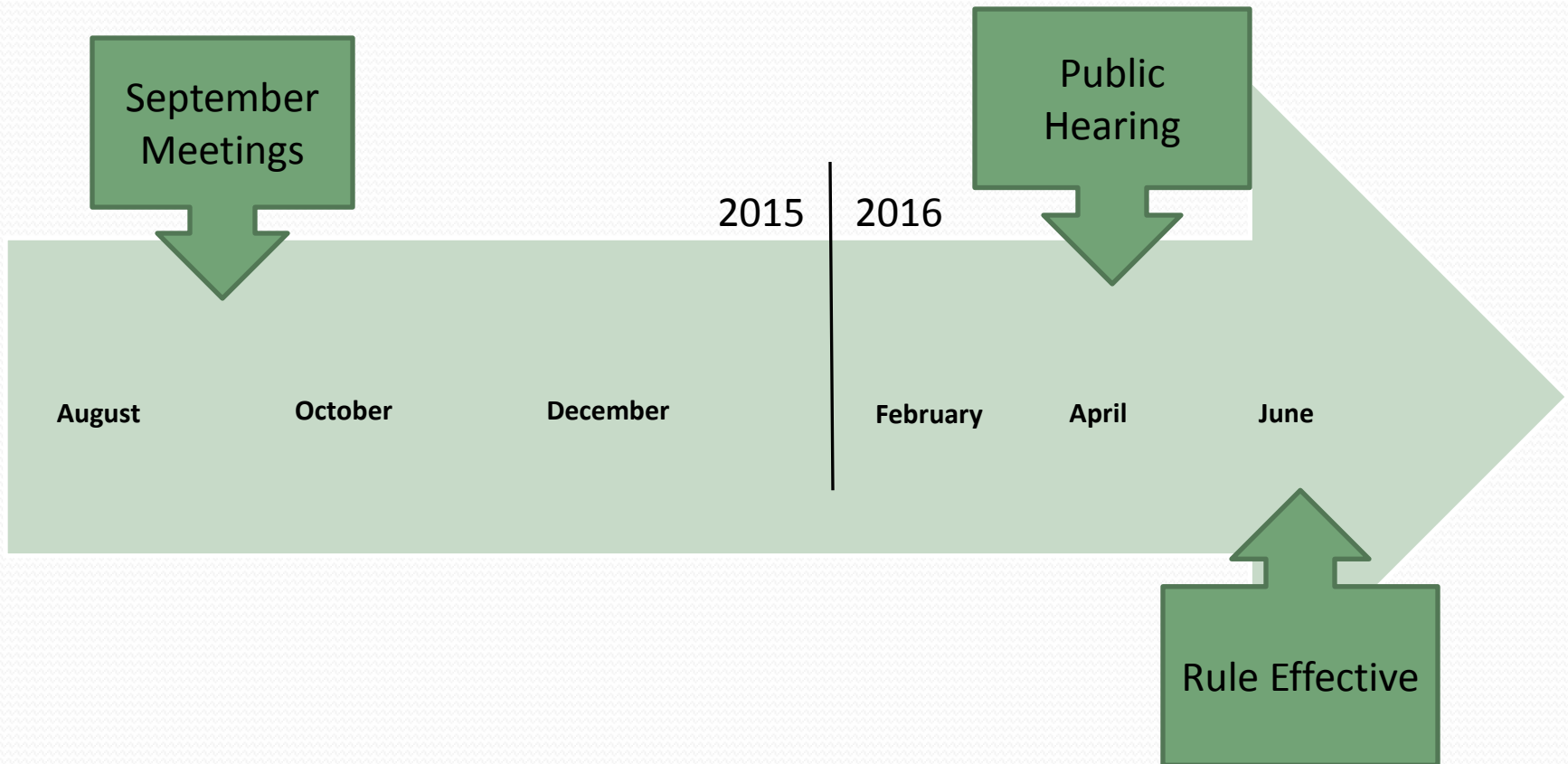
Rulemaking Process

WA Medical Marijuana Program

Rulemaking Process

- Background: Rule making is the process the Department of Health (department), including all health profession boards and commissions, uses when it proposes to create, change, or delete rules in order to protect public health.
- The department must follow the procedural requirements set out in the [Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW](#) and the [Regulatory Fairness Act, chapter 19.85 RCW](#) when conducting rule making.
- Stakeholders interested in the department's rule-making activities should join appropriate ListServes. Individual ListServes can be found by using the [Topics A to Z list](#) or by contacting program staff.

Proposed Timeline



History of Legislation

Cannabis Patient Protection Act

History of Legislation

- 1998: I-692 Permitted patients with certain conditions to use medical marijuana.
- 2008: 60-day supply for patients was defined as 24 ounces and 15 plants.
- 2012: I-502 Licenses and regulates marijuana production, distribution, and possession for persons 21 and over.
- On April 24, 2015, Gov. Inslee signed 2SSB 5052, the [Cannabis Patient Protection Act \(PDF\)](#). It directs the Department of Health to complete tasks that include:

SSB 5052 – DOH Requirements

- Contracting with a third party to create and administer a medical marijuana authorization database;
- Adopting rules relating to the operation of the database;
- Adopting rules regarding products sold to patients and their designated providers;
- Consulting with the LCB about requirements for a retail store to get a medical marijuana endorsement;
- Creating a medical marijuana consultant certification program;
- Developing and approving continuing education for healthcare practitioners who authorize the medical use of marijuana; and
- Making recommendations to the legislature about establishing medical marijuana specialty clinics.

SSB 5052

DOH Required Rules

- Establish a Patient Authorization Database
- Establish a Consultant Certification
- Product Inventory

DOH Goals for SSB 5052

- Protect Access for Patients with Qualifying Conditions
- Ensure Safe, Quality Tested and Accurately Labeled Products for Patients

Authorization Database

SSB 5052: Sections 21, 34

Requirements for DOH regarding authorization database

1. *Establish a voluntary (18 and over), confidential medical marijuana authorization database*
2. Create a process for producing recognition cards for qualifying patients and designated providers

Authorization Database Parameters

(per SSB 5052)

- A retailer with a medical endorsement may add qualifying patients who volunteer to participate, to the database
- Authorized healthcare practitioners may access patient healthcare information from the database
- Approved persons may confirm recognition card validity (Law Enforcement, DOR, DOH)
- Qualifying patients may learn who has accessed their healthcare information

Requirements for DOH regarding authorization database

1. Establish a **voluntary, confidential** medical marijuana authorization database
2. *Create a process for producing recognition cards for qualifying patients and designated providers*

Recognition Card Parameters

(per SSB 5052)

- Randomly generated unique ID number
- Photograph of patient or designated provider
- Effective date and Expiration date
- Name of authorizing healthcare professional

Benefits of Recognition Card

(per SSB 5052)

- May purchase up to three times the current limits at licensed retail store with a medical marijuana endorsement
- May possess six plants and eight ounces of useable marijuana (*healthcare practitioner may authorize additional plants to a maximum of 15*)
- Purchases at retail stores with a medical marijuana endorsement are not subject to sales tax
- Provides arrest protection

Authorization Database

SSB 5052: Sections 21, 34

Stakeholder Input

Timed Comments

Process for sharing feedback

To give feedback verbally:

- We will use a numbering system to call people to provide input; people will be called in order. When your number is called please come to the microphone
- We want as many people (hopefully everyone) who want to speak to be able to
- In order to do that:
 - Please be brief (we may have to limit time)
 - Please keep your comments on today's topics

Process for sharing feedback (cont.)

- A note-taker will be summarizing the themes of what we're hearing
- If others' comments have stimulated your thinking you may post additional comments on the wall charts at the end of the meeting
- If you do not have enough time to express all your thinking verbally – or we run out of time for all speakers -- there will be other ways for you to submit comments:
 - In writing, via worksheets here
 - Through email

1. Establish a voluntary, confidential medical marijuana authorization database

<i>Issue</i>	<i>What concerns do you have?</i>	<i>What would you like to see?</i>
A. Patients and Designated Providers What information will be entered in the database?		
B. Retailers with Medical Endorsement – Who will enter patient information into the database?		
C. Security of the Data - What should be required to ensure confidentiality of the data?		
D. Querying the Database – What procedures should be put in place when a person(s) authorized by law wants to query the database?		
E. Revoking Designated Providers – What procedures should be put in place to allow for this?		
F. Providing Aggregate Data – What processes should be used for requests for use of summary data?		
G. Removal from the Database – What process should be established for removing patients and designated providers from the database?		
H. Other Issues		

Wrap Up, Next Steps

- What happens next?
- Where can we find a summary of comments received?
- Next meeting details
- Thank you

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