

Dear Provider,

As a result of the cyber-attack on the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), the Office of Controlled Substances Administration (OCSA) is issuing temporary Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) registration letters. As soon as MDH data systems are restored, OCSA will issue permanent CDS registrations to replace the temporary registration letters.

Applying for a CDS Registration

To apply for a renewal or new CDS registration, apply online at <https://egov.maryland.gov/mdh/cds>. Temporary CDS registration letters are currently being issued with an expiration date of November 30, 2022.

CDS registration certificates will no longer be printed and mailed. Paperless CDS registration certificates will be issued and delivered electronically to the email address listed on the application. Please ensure the email address listed on the application is correct and for the registrant applying.

Extension of Temporary Registration Expiration Date

Previously, temporary CDS registration letters were issued with an expiration date of March 31, 2022. The expiration date on all of these temporary CDS registration letters has been extended until November 30, 2022. CDS registrants with temporary registrations with an expiration date of March 31, 2022 can continue to practice with the temporary registration letter in conjunction with the extension notice posted on the OCSA website listed below. The extension notice states "All temporary Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) registration with an expiration date of March 31, 2022 will be extended until November 30, 2022."

Verifying Current Registration

CDS Registration Verifications are Limited at this Time.

CDS Issued Prior to December 4, 2021

If the registrant has a current, unexpired CDS registration certificate and needs a verification letter, the CDS Search function is available on our website. You can search by CDS registration number or by registrant name to generate a document verifying current active CDS registration status.

CDS issued After December 4, 2021

Please ask the registrant to provide the temporary letter that was emailed to them. **Note: If the registrant has not received the email, ask them to check their SPAM folder.

For Pending registrations please contact Maryland.OCSA@maryland.gov

This information and any updates are available on our webpage:

<https://health.maryland.gov/ocsa/Pages/home.ASPX>. Thank you for your patience during this time, as we work diligently to restore the network and our systems. If you have any questions, please email Maryland.OCSA@maryland.gov.