**Compliance Guide for New Regulations for Small Businesses**

**COMAR 10.62 Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC)**

* *What does this regulation do?*

The purpose of the action is to implement statutory requirements restricting medical cannabis advertising, authorizing academic research on medical cannabis, and increasing the number of medical cannabis grower and processor licenses the MMCC may issue.

* *Who is Subject to the new regulation?*

Medical cannabis licensed growers, processors, and dispensaries; certifying medical cannabis providers; and registered academic research institutions.

* *Why were the new regulations adopted?*

To implement statutory requirements pursuant to Chapter 456 of the Laws of 2019 and Chapter 598 of the Laws of 2018.

* *When are the regulations effective?*

The regulation will take effect 10 days after publication of Final Notice in the *Maryland Register.*

* *Is funding available to implement new requirements established by the regulation?*

No.

* *Are there other resources available for implementing the requirements of the regulation?*

No.

* *Is there assistance available to help understand the requirements of the regulation?*

Yes, the MMCC is available to explain any changes to existing requirements, or new requirements, made by this regulation. Questions about specific provisions of the regulation should be directed to Will Tilburg at (410) 767-8069 or at william.tilburg@maryland.gov.

Key Terms and Definitions

“Academic research institution” means an institution of higher education, a related medical facility, or an affiliated biomedical research firm that filed a registration with the Commission under Health-General Article, §13-3304.1, Annotated Code of Maryland to purchase medical cannabis for the purpose of conducting a bona fide research project.