

THERAPEUTIC CANNABIS PROGRAM

Registry Verification Protocol for State and Local Law Enforcement Personnel

Under [RSA 126-X:4, XI\(b\)\(1\)](#), local and state law enforcement personnel may request and receive verification of an individual's status as a Qualifying Patient or a Designated Caregiver in the NH Therapeutic Cannabis Program Registry.

Local and state law enforcement personnel may request verification of an individual's status as a Qualifying Patient or Designated Caregiver under circumstances where:

- the individual claims to be engaged in the therapeutic use of cannabis (eg, produces a NH Therapeutic Cannabis Registry ID card, or cannot produce the Registry ID card but claims to be a Qualifying Patient or Designated Caregiver)

AND

- the individual is currently being detained by law enforcement personnel, or has been detained and was subsequently released; OR
- the individual is currently under arrest, or has been arrested and was subsequently released

DHHS maintains a pager system to receive calls from local and state law enforcement personnel.

STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY LOCAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

If a law enforcement officer has detained or arrested an individual who claims to be a Qualifying Patient or Designated Caregiver, and either the individual does not have his/her Registry ID Card with them or the officer wants to verify the validity of the Registry ID Card produced, the officer's dispatch shall:

- verify that the individual in question is or has been detained or arrested;
- call one of the following pager numbers:
 - **(603) 221-0707, from 8:30 to 4:00 on regular business days**
 - **(603) 385-6066, at all other times**
- Enter the phone number of the police dispatch after the beep, then hang up.

IMPORTANT: All pages are to come to DHH-TCP via police dispatch, not the detaining or arresting officer.

Upon receiving a call back from DHHS, police dispatch shall provide the following information:

- the name of the detaining/arresting police officer;
- the police department of the detaining/arresting officer (and police department dispatch if different)
- the full name and date of birth of the detained or arrested individual;
- whether the individual claims to be a Qualifying Patient or a Designated Caregiver; and
- whether the individual produced his or her Registry ID Card, and if so, the ID number on the card.

STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY DHHS

Upon receiving a page, the DHHS employee handling the call will:

- call the number on the pager and ask which police department sent the page;
- verify that the page actually came from that police department by comparing the number on the pager with a list of police departments and phone numbers provided to DHHS by the Department of Safety;
- collect the required information from the dispatcher and record the information on the Law Enforcement Request for Confidential Information Intake Sheet; and
- search the Therapeutic Cannabis Program Registry Database and inform the dispatcher as to whether or not the detained/arrested individual was found in the database as an active Qualifying Patient or Designated Caregiver.