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INDUSTRY BULLETIN: 24-01

RE: Reduced Testing Allowance Attestation and Certification Fee

Dear Stakeholders:

This bulletin provides guidance to licensees seeking to continue utilizing Reduced Testing Allowance (RTA) privileges after January 8, 2024. Please note that this bulletin does not include all rule changes, but you can find the complete Final Adopted Rules on the MED Rulemaking webpage and refer to Industry Bulletin 23-09 regarding the implementation of new rules.

Every Harvest and Production Batch of Regulated Marijuana is subject to required testing unless a Licensee has achieved a Reduced Testing Allowance. Effective January 8, 2024, Licensees interested in utilizing the Reduced Testing Allowance privileges **must** submit (a) an <u>attestation form</u> regarding their understanding of the testing rules and requirements; and (b) payment of the Reduced Testing Allowance Certification fee in Rule 2-205 of \$4,000.00. The Certification fee is per license and due at the time of attestation. Exercising the privileges of Reduced Testing Allowance is **voluntary**, however if a Licensee chooses to do so, the attestation form and fee **are required.**

Submission. The submission of the <u>attestation form</u> and payment of the certification fee may be completed using one of the following methods:

- <u>Submitting By Mail</u> Print the <u>attestation form</u> and mail the attestation to the Lakewood Office, 1697 Cole Blvd, Suite 200, Lakewood, CO 80401. **No cash will be accepted**.
 - You may submit a check or money order with the attestation form, please make it payable to the Colorado Department of Revenue or CDOR. Please send only the amount due of \$4,000.00. Do not add extra service fees, as they do not apply to fees submitted by mail.
 - Alternatively, the MED is also offering an online payment link option available via the Colorado Interactive Payment System. For Licensees seeking to use this online payment link option, following receipt of your attestation form, a MED staff member will contact you via email with the link to submit your payment.
- <u>Drop Off Your Application Lakewood Office Only</u> Place your completed <u>attestation form</u> and payment in the Lakewood Office Drop Box. The Drop Box is available at 1697 Cole Blvd. Suite 200, Lakewood, CO 80401 between 8:00 AM 5:00 PM.
 - Payments via the Drop Box can be made by check or money order, no cash will be accepted. Please make it payable to the Colorado Department of Revenue or CDOR. Please include only the amount due of \$4,000.00.
 - MED is also offering an online payment link option available via the Colorado Interactive Payment System. For Licensees seeking to use this online payment link option, following

receipt of your attestation form, a MED staff member will contact you via email with the link to submit your payment.

• <u>Submitting Digitally</u> - Licensees will have the ability to complete the attestation and pay the fee digitally in the coming weeks. Licensees wishing to submit the attestation and complete payment at the same time electronically should visit the website the week of January 22, 2024, to access this option.

The Reduced Testing Allowance Certification is valid for one year. Licensees that will continuously exercise these privileges must submit an attestation and payment each year. The following summarizes additional requirements regarding the Reduced Testing Allowance:

- ➤ A Licensee must first submit the required attestation and fee before exercising the privileges of a Reduced Testing Allowance.
- Licensees that achieved a Reduced Testing Allowance before January 8, 2024, can continue exercising their Reduced Testing Allowance privileges if they submit the certification fee and attestation and comply with rules required to successfully maintain that Reduced Testing Allowance. Licensees that achieved their Reduced Testing Allowance before January 8, 2024, will have until Wednesday, January 31, 2024, to submit the required fee and attestation.
- ➤ The Reduced Testing Allowance fee is **license-specific**.
 - o If a Licensee makes the same type of products under different Licenses, the fee must be submitted for each License, regardless of whether Licenses are co-located.
 - A Licensee need only submit the attestation form and certification fee once a year per license. The fee is not required for each contaminant test type, nor is an additional fee required within the same 12-month period if a License loses the RTA status (e.g. due to a failed or missed test).

For assistance regarding Reduced Testing Allowance, the attestation form, or the fee, questions can be submitted using the MED Inquiry Form.