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| Distribution: Medical Practitioners, other licensed health care providers and interested persons | | | |
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Purpose: Establishment of a policy for writing and presenting written reports by the Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Advisory Board.

Background: Pursuant to P. L. 210 No. 44 of June, 2021, the Medical Marijuana Advisory Board has the duty to issue written reports to the Governor, the Senate and the House of Representatives. The written reports under paragraph (4) shall include recommendations and findings as to the following:

- (i) Whether to change the types of medical professionals who can issue certifications to patients.
- (ii) Whether to change, add or reduce the types of medical conditions which qualify as serious medical conditions under this act.
- (iii) Whether to change the form of medical marijuana permitted under this act.
- (iv) ((iv) deleted by amendment).
- (v) How to ensure affordable patient access to medical marijuana.

The written reports under this section shall be adopted at a public meeting. The reports shall be a public record under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.

After receiving a report of the advisory board under section 1201(j)(4), at the discretion of the secretary, the department may effectuate recommendations made by the advisory board by transmitting a notice to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. The secretary shall transmit notice to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 12 months of the receipt of a report of the advisory board. The notice shall include the recommendations of the advisory board and shall state the specific reasons for the decision of the secretary on whether or not to effectuate each recommendation.

Process:

(1) After each meeting where a recommendation is approved by the advisory board to change the medical marijuana program, the reports subcommittee will produce a written report.

Recommendations to change the medical marijuana program include:

- (i) Whether to change the types of medical professionals who can issue certifications to patients.
- (ii) Whether to change, add or reduce the types of medical conditions which qualify as serious medical conditions under this act.
- (iii) Whether to change the form of medical marijuana permitted under this act.
- (iv) How to ensure affordable patient access to medical marijuana.

(2) Reports shall include approved recommendations and related findings. The reports may also include findings on recommendations not approved or other issues, other advisory board activities, and general information and updates on the medical marijuana program.

(3) Reports will be presented by the reports subcommittee to the advisory board for adoption at the next regularly scheduled public meeting.

(4) Adopted reports shall be provided to the Secretary of Health, the Governor, the Senate, the House of Representatives, and will be public record under the Right-to-Know-Law.