

Revised notice dated March 25, 2020, to replace the notification issued on March 20, 2020:

With the Governor's authorization in accordance with the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (Proclamation) issued on March 6, 2020, operation of the following statutory and regulatory provisions is temporarily suspended in order to respond to the COVID-19 emergency:

- The requirement in 35 P.S. § 10231.802(a)(1) that dispensing must occur in an indoor enclosed facility and in 28 Pa Code § 1161.23 (a), which requires dispensing to occur at the facility (which is defined as the secure building itself). The Department of Health (DOH) will allow dispensary employees to go out to the vehicle, retrieve identification cards, go back inside and dispense product in accordance with regulatory dispensing requirements and then deliver to the vehicle. In all cases, the vehicle must be located on "site" (which is defined in 28 Pa. Code § 1161.23(a) as the total area contained within the facility's property line boundaries).
- The limitation that only five patients may be assigned to one caregiver, which will provide more caregivers to patients in need. 35 P.S. § 10231.303(b)(4)
- Background checks for caregiver applications, limited to *renewal* applications only, in order to expedite the caregiver renewal process. 35 P.S. § 10231.502 and 28 Pa. Code § 1191.27
- The phrase "in-person" from the definitions of "continuing care" and "patient consultation" in 35 P.S. §10231.103 and 28 Pa. Code § 1181.21 to allow for remote consultations. **This is no longer limited to renewal certifications only; however, in all cases, patient records must be reviewed and evaluated.**
- The 30-day supply limit found in 35 P.S. § 10231.405 and in 28 Pa. Code § 1161.24(b). DOH will require approved practitioners to notate on the patient's certification authorization to dispense a 90-day supply.

The suspensions shall remain in place only for as long as the Proclamation is in effect.