

~~20-802.~~

~~(A) (1) THERE IS ESTABLISHED IN THE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN QUALITY ASSURANCE THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH PROGRAM.~~

~~(2) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD.~~

~~(B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2004, THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE MANNER IN WHICH THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION CARDS AND FOR RENEWING PROGRAM PARTICIPATION CARDS FOR PARTICIPATING PATIENTS AND PRIMARY CAREGIVERS.~~

~~20-803.~~

~~(A) SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER § 20-804(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM SHALL BE LIMITED TO PATIENTS WITH A DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITION.~~

~~(B) THE BOARD SHALL ADMIT A PATIENT TO THE PROGRAM IF:~~

~~(1) THE PATIENT'S PHYSICIAN HAS SUBMITTED WRITTEN CERTIFICATION ON THE PATIENT'S BEHALF;~~

~~(2) THE PATIENT AND THE PATIENT'S PHYSICIAN HAVE AGREED IN WRITING TO JOINTLY COMPLETE PATIENT EVALUATION FORMS; AND~~

~~(3) THE PATIENT HAS PAID A REGISTRATION FEE, NOT TO EXCEED \$150 PER PATIENT.~~

~~(C) (1) THE BOARD SHALL VERIFY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION, AND SHALL APPROVE OR DENY AN APPLICATION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION.~~

~~(2) THE BOARD MAY DENY AN APPLICATION ONLY IF THE APPLICANT DID NOT PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, OR IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED WAS FALSIFIED.~~

~~(3) AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE APPLICATION HAS BEEN DENIED MAY NOT REAPPLY FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE DENIAL, UNLESS AUTHORIZED TO DO SO BY THE BOARD OR A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.~~

~~20-804.~~

~~(A) (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2004, THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MANNER IN WHICH IT WILL CONSIDER PETITIONS SUBMITTED BY PHYSICIANS OR PATIENTS TO ADD DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO THOSE INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF "DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITION" STATED IN § 5-610(A) OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.~~

~~(2) (1) THE REGULATIONS SHALL REQUIRE THAT, IN CONSIDERING A PETITION SUBMITTED BY A PHYSICIAN OR PATIENT, THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE PETITION AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT IN A PUBLIC HEARING ON IT.~~