



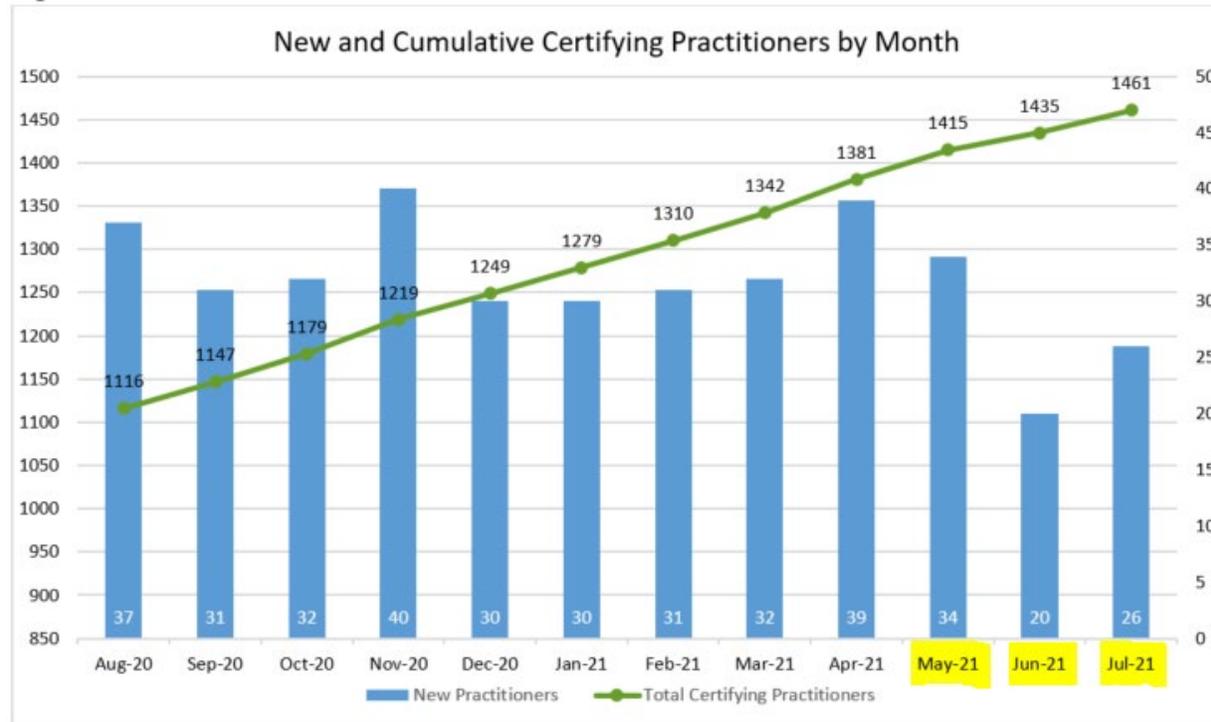
Medical Cannabidiol Program Updates

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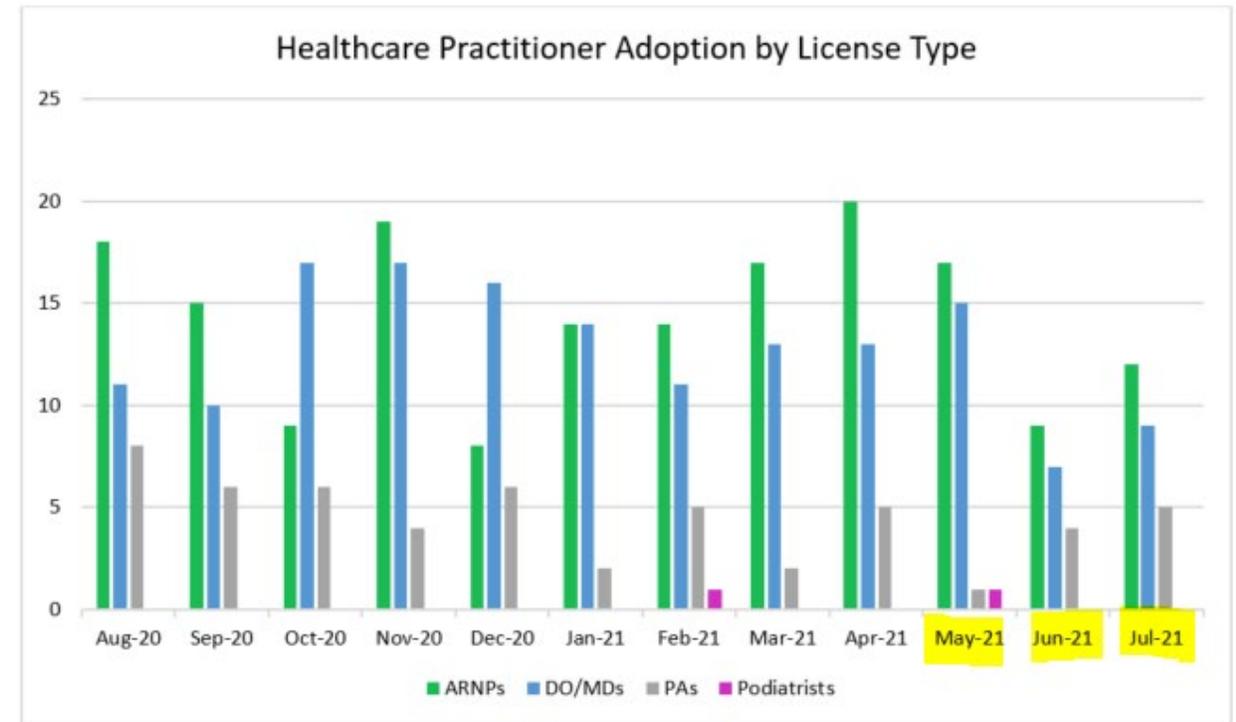
What We Will Cover

- Data Review and Update
- New Dispensaries Update
- New Manufacturer Update
- Federal Exemption Update
- CANNRA, Medical Use and Research Update
- FY22 IDPH Regulatory Plan, Administrative Rule Updates

2021 Data Review: Provider Adoption



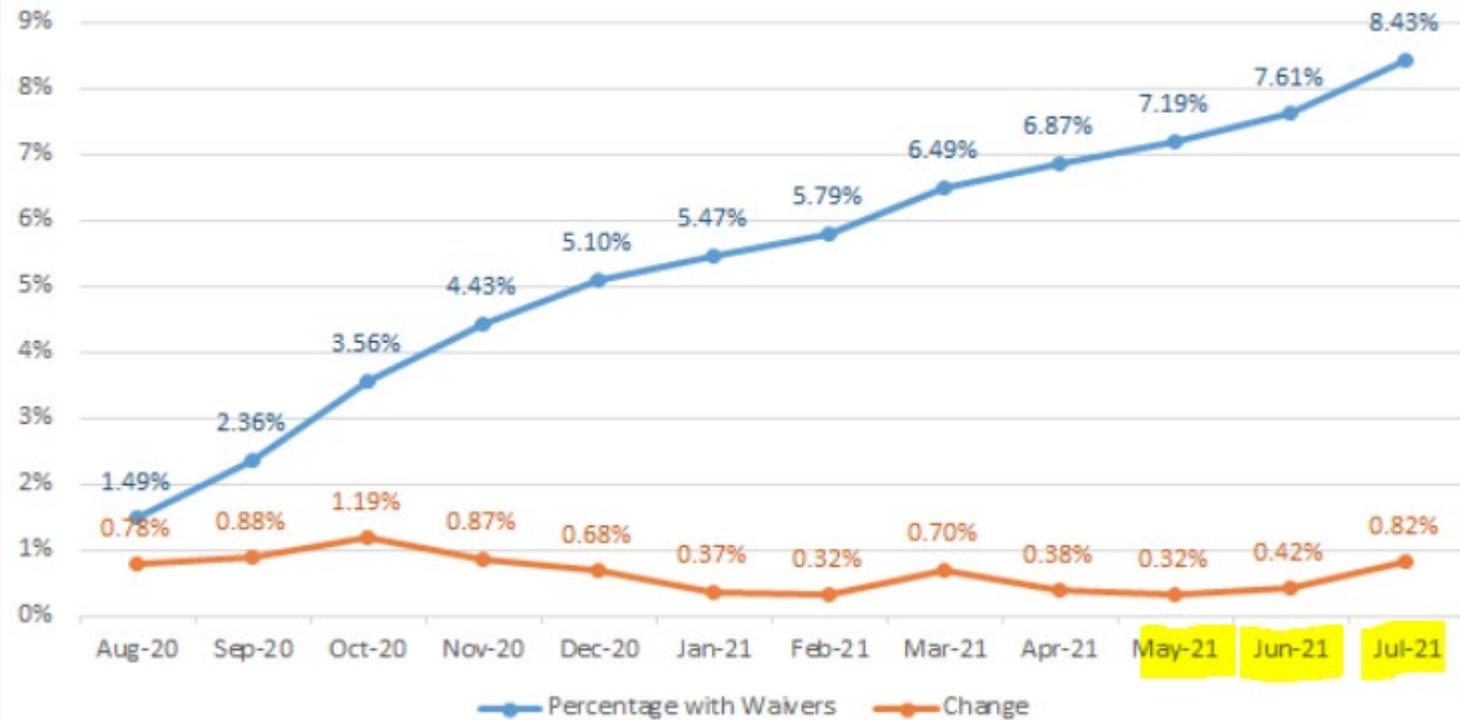
- New providers continue to certify new patients
- 80 new certifying practitioners since our February meeting



- ARNPs are the highest proportion of new certifiers in 2021
- ARNPs continue to be the significant users of our accredited medical cannabis CME

2021 Data Review: 4.5g Waivers

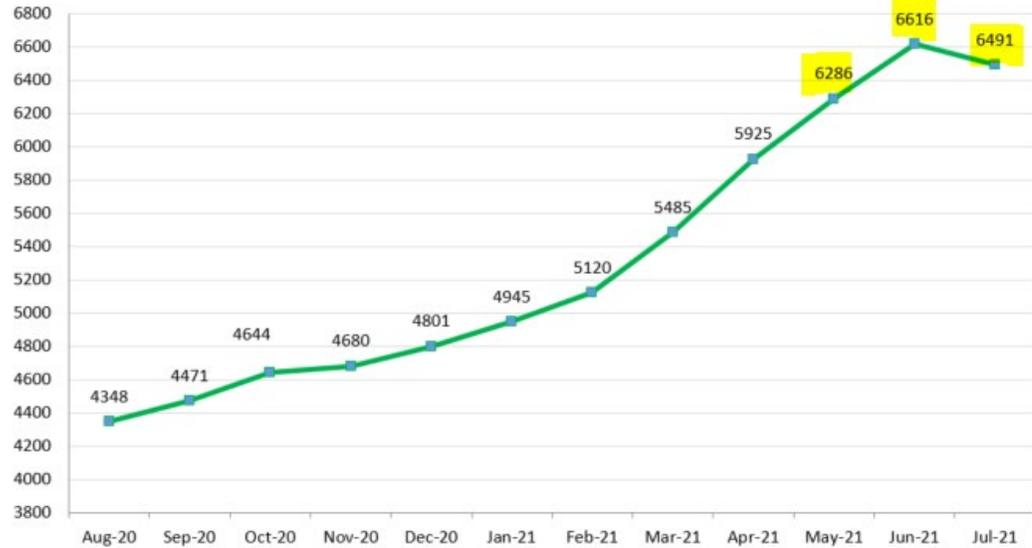
Patients with THC Waivers



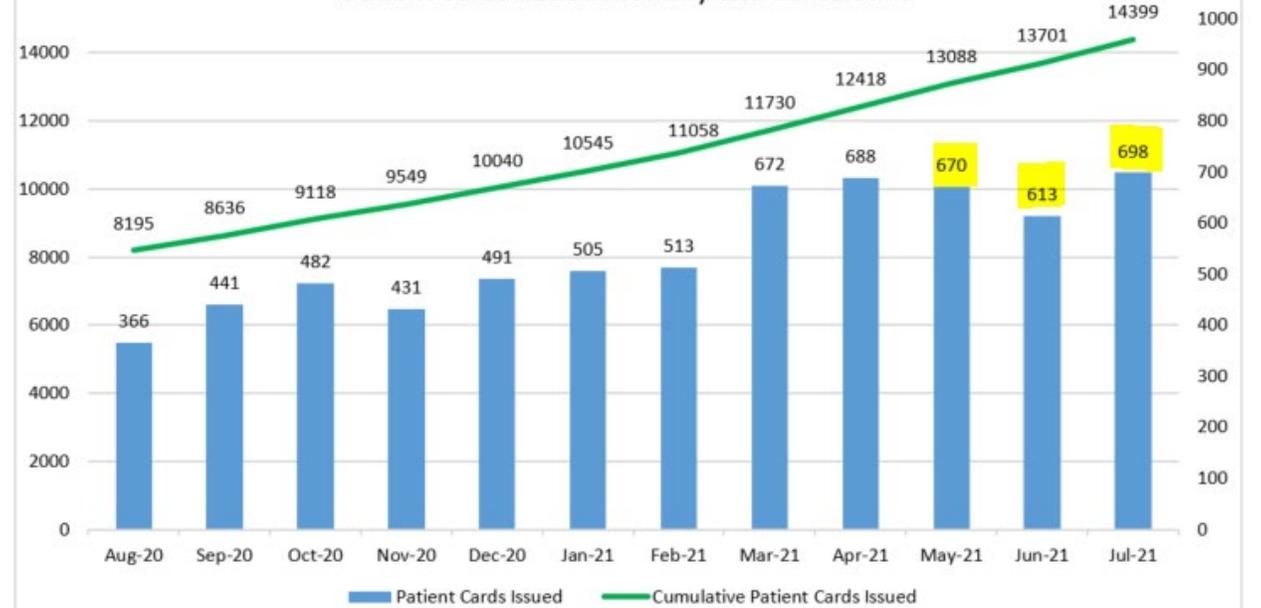
Month	Total Patients	Waivers	Percentage with Waivers	Change
Jul-20	3979	28	0.70%	
Aug-20	4376	65	1.49%	0.78%
Sep-20	4441	105	2.36%	0.88%
Oct-20	4636	165	3.56%	1.19%
Nov-20	4676	207	4.43%	0.87%
Dec-20	4801	245	5.10%	0.68%
Jan-21	4935	270	5.47%	0.37%
Feb-21	5078	294	5.79%	0.32%
Mar-21	5334	346	6.49%	0.70%
Apr-21	5768	396	6.87%	0.38%
May-21	6118	440	7.19%	0.32%
Jun-21	6454	491	7.61%	0.42%
Jul-21	6349	535	8.43%	0.82%

2021 Data Review: Patient Adoption

Total Patient Cardholders



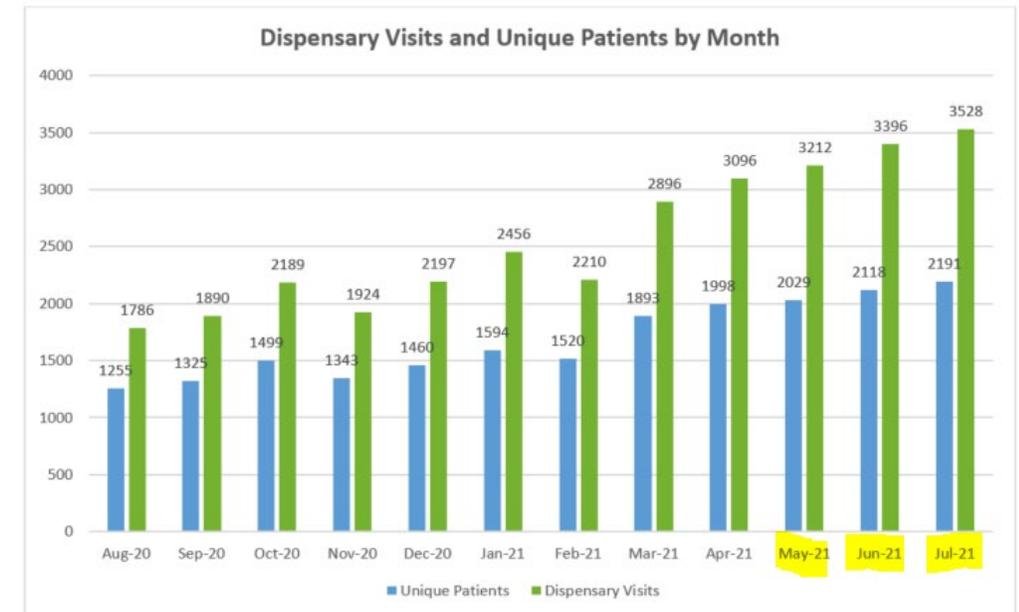
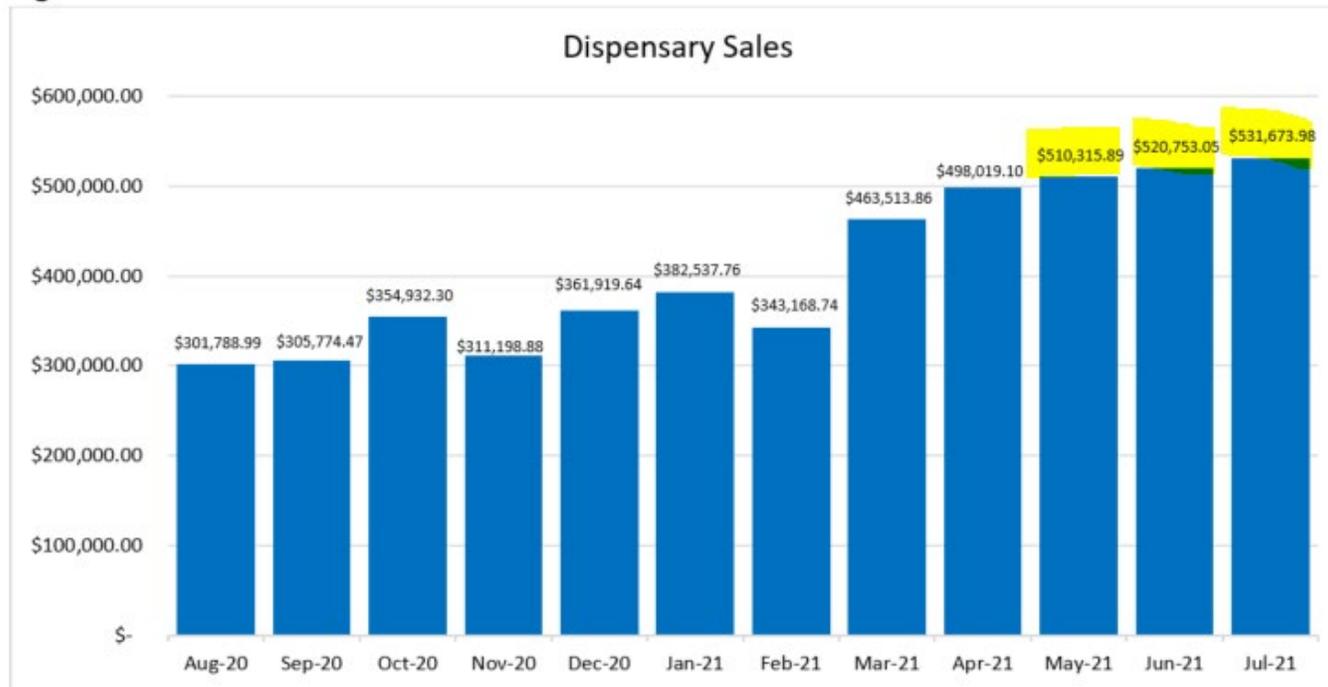
Patient cards issued monthly and cumulative



- The decrease in active patient card holders after July, 2021 comes one year post-implementation of HF2589. In July 2020, the Department issued all patient cards that had been approved, but not yet issued by the DOT. This correction was expected.
- Since our May, 2021 Meeting, the OMC saw some of our highest per month rate of issued cards.

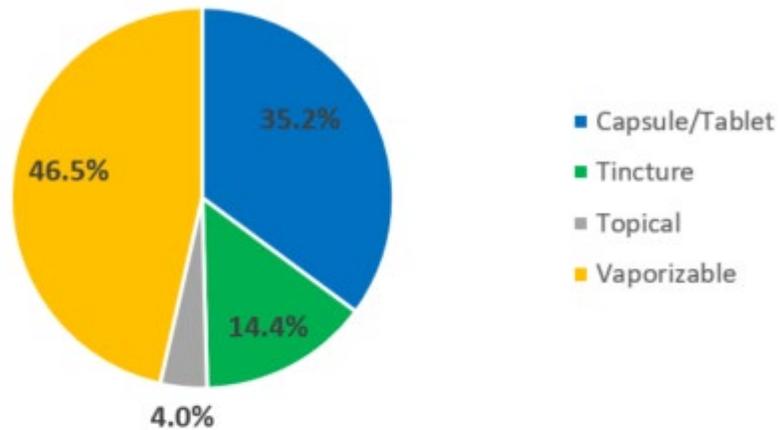
2021 Data Review: Dispensary Sales

- The past three months have seen the program's highest dispensary sales metrics since initial implementation in December, 2018
- Patients continue to make more visits, and more frequent visits



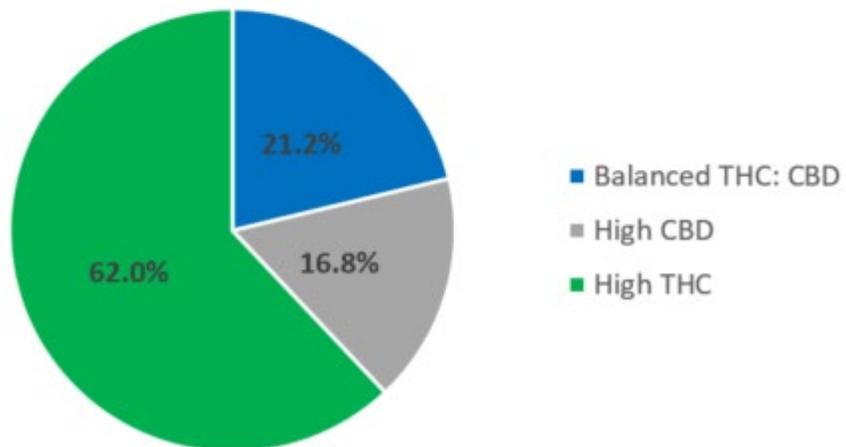
2021 Data Review: Product Purchasing Behavior

Sales by Product Type- Previous 12 Months



➤ With the implementation of HF2589, and the allowance of higher THC formulations, purchases of vaporizers and higher THC formulations have continued to increase

Sales by Formulation- Previous 12 Months



New Manufacturer & Dispensary Update

Manufacturing

- ICC MFG Holdings, LLC
 - ❖ Request submitted to relocate manufacturing facility to Iowa City
 - ❖ Approval Provided by IDPH
 - ❖ Local zoning authority provided by Iowa City

Dispensing

- ICC East, LLC – Iowa City
 - ❖ Timeline for opening = *October 1, 2021*
- ICC West, LLC – Council Bluffs
 - ❖ Timeline for opening = *October 1, 2021*

Federal Exemption Update

- In April, 2021 IDPH delivered four letters to Federal agencies seeking funding guarantees for educational and long-term care facilities acting consistent with the laws of Iowa's program:
 - ❖ Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
 - ❖ Department of Education (DOE)
 - ❖ Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
 - ❖ United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

- IDPH did receive a letter from FDA:
 - ❖ FDA explained that eligibility for such grant or contract funding would not be affected by the circumstances described in our inquiry. FDA advised to reach out to other Federal agencies

- IDPH has not received communication from DOE, DEA, or CMS

- Since the May meeting, the Federal Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act has been introduced:
 - ❖ Deschedules cannabis (removed from CSA entirely)
 - ❖ Transfers regulatory authority to FDA, ATF, and TTB
 - ❖ **The issues with funding, compliance, banking, insurance research, are issues caused by federal scheduling**

CANNRA, Special Committee on Medical Use and Research



➤ **Special Committee on Medical Use & Research, Co-Chairs:**

- ❖ Owen Parker, Chief, Bureau of Medical Cannabidiol, IDPH
- ❖ David Rak, Research Manager, Office of Medical Cannabis, MDH

➤ **Outlined Priorities:**

1. Collaborate with NIDA on development of a “standard dose/unit”
2. Serve as a Research Repository
 - ❖ Best Practices for survey development and data collection
 - ❖ Supporting documentation for qualifying conditions and practitioner involvement
 - ❖ Implement communication channels for surveys and reports issued by states
3. Develop Synergistic Partnerships with Federal agencies
 - ❖ Leaders in the survey field
 - ❖ NIDA, and related agencies
 - ❖ Guidance for data sharing among Programs and Providers
4. Potential White Papers
 - ❖ Key features of maintaining Medical Programs if/when states transition to adult-use
 - ❖ Key features of Medical Programs if or when cannabis is descheduled

FY22 IDPH Regulatory Plan, Administrative Rule Updates

- Within the IDPH FY22 Regulatory Plan, the OMC intends to draft updates to administrative rules based on program evaluation and stakeholder comments

- Priority items:
 - ❖ Licensee marketing and advertising
 - ❖ Physician authority to cancel card
 - ❖ Licensee regulatory compliance priority evaluation



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Thank You.

Questions?

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