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**RESOLUTION 2024-221**  
**REMOVAL OF THE DEADLINES FOR ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT CENTERS TO  
BE FULLY PERMITTED UNDER THE COMMISSION’S 2019 REQUEST FOR  
APPLICATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, P.L.2019, c.153, the “Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act,” (“the Act”) authorizes a process for receipt of applications and issuance of permits to operate Alternative Treatment Centers (“ATCs”) in the state of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the authority to regulate and enforce activities related to medical cannabis previously was vested in the New Jersey Department of Health (“the Department”), and now vests in the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (“the Commission”) pursuant to P.L. 2019, c.153; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2019, the Department posted a Request for Applications (“RFA” or “2019 RFA”) for select entities to operate ATCs; and

**WHEREAS**, Final Agency Decisions were issued to each applicant for a cultivation permit pursuant to the 2019 RFA on October 15, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Final Agency Decisions were issued to each applicant for a dispensary permit pursuant to the 2019 RFA on December 7, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Final Agency Decisions provide that all awards are strictly for the cultivation, manufacturing, or dispensing of medicinal cannabis, as appropriate, pursuant to P.L. 2009, c.307 and N.J.A.C. 8:64 (now N.J.A.C. 17:30A); and

**WHEREAS**, the Final Agency Decisions require awardees for a cultivation endorsement to be fully permitted within 18 months from the date of the award and require awardees for a dispensary endorsement to be fully permitted within 12 months from the date of the award; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2022-62, the Commission amended the Final Agency Decisions for awardees for a dispensary endorsement, granting those awardees an additional six (6) months to be fully permitted; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 RFA awardees have been facing significant construction build-out and local permitting delays to become operational; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission approved and adopted bylaws on January 27, 2022, which establish the Permitting and Licensing Committee (the “Committee”) and require the Committee to “evaluate the regulations promulgated by the Commission for permitting and licensing of alternative treatment centers and cannabis businesses to ensure efficient licensing and permitting process for applicants”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee has evaluated the RFA setting forth the deadline by which an ATC must become operational and evaluated whether the RFA requirements ensure an efficient permitting process for applicants, and has made its recommendation to the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined, following extensive review of the extension requests submitted by 2019 RFA dispensary and cultivation awardees, that it is in the best interest of the patient population to have greater access points to their medicine across the state and that removing all operational deadlines to be fully permitted is warranted;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission that the 2019 RFA is hereby AMENDED to remove the requirement that awardees of cultivation and dispensary endorsements be fully permitted within a prescribed time period. The Commission shall amend the Final Agency Decisions issued to the 2019 RFA awardees accordingly. All awardees shall remain subject to all other terms and conditions of their Final Agency Decisions, including the requirement to demonstrate to the Commission that they have satisfied all commitments enunciated in their 2019 RFA application and that they have satisfied all expansion requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-46(a) and N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.1 as appropriate.

Submitted by:



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Dianna Houenou, Chair

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.



Christopher Riggs, Chief Counsel

<b>Vote on the Approval of This Resolution</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recusal</b>
Commissioner Barker			X				
Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso	X		X				
Vice Chair Delgado						X	
Chairwoman Houenou			X				
Commissioner Nash		X	X				