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RESOLUTION 2026-09-09-09 **REGULATION WAIVER REQUEST – DOCKET NO. WR074**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (“the Commission”), established pursuant to P.L. 2019, c.153, known and cited as the “Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act,” is charged with implementing the provisions of that Act as well as P.L.2021, c.16, known and cited as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30A-7.11 and N.J.S.A. 24:6I-23, the Commission may waive a regulatory and New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act requirement regarding the operations of an Alternative Treatment Center (“ATC”), to the extent such waiver (1) is necessary to achieve the purpose of the Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act and New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act (“Act”); (2) provides access to patients who would otherwise qualify for the use of medicinal marijuana to alleviate suffering from debilitating medical conditions; and (3) does not create a danger to the public health, safety, or welfare; and

WHEREAS, under Docket Number WR074, Niche, LLC requested a waiver for employees from the regulatory requirement that each principal, director, board member, owner, and employee shall provide written consent to submit to a criminal history record background check pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-4 and shall comply with procedures established by the Division of State Police pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:59 for obtaining readable fingerprint impressions as set forth in N.J.A.C. 17:30A-7.2; and

WHEREAS, Niche, LLC also requested a waiver for employees from the statutory requirement that the Commission shall require each applicant seeking a permit to operate as, to be a director, officer, or employee of, or to be a significantly involved person in, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant to undergo a criminal history record background check as set forth in N.J.S.A. 24:6I-7d.(1); and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed the entity’s waiver request and is granting the waiver request by waiving the background check requirements for “employees” and other individuals who are not owners, principals, directors, board members, officers, or significantly involved persons of an ATC, as this waiver meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 17:30A-7.11 and N.J.S.A. 24:6I-23; and

WHEREAS, the Commission does not waive the background check requirements for owners, principals, directors, board members, officers, and significantly involved persons of an ATC or clinical registrant; and

WHEREAS, the Commission does not waive the general requirements to register with the Commission and be issued an ATC Identification Card.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, that the above waiver request is **GRANTED**. The Commission's reasons for granting this waiver request shall be set forth in the Final Agency Decision sent to the entity.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Laufer', written in a cursive style.

Harris Laufer, 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 9th day of September 2026.



Arundhati Mohankumar, Chief Counsel

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recused
Chair Laufer			X				
Vice Chair Ferraro			X				
Commissioner Nash			X				
Commissioner Mapp		X	X				
Commissioner Kennedy	X		X				