# Health and Human SERVICES

# Medical Cannabidiol Program Update

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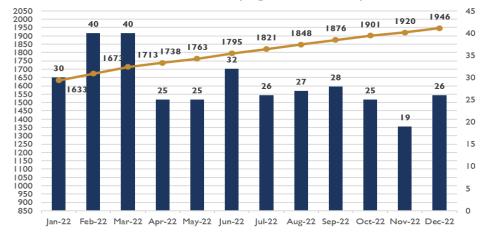
#### What We'll Cover

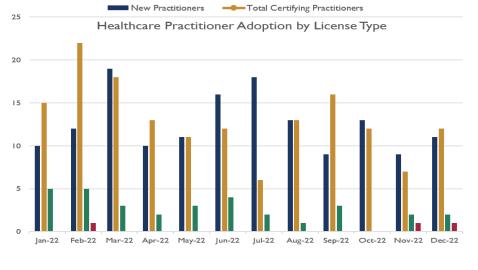
- ■Year-Over-Year Data Update
- Administrative Rule Update
  - ■Executive Order 10
  - ■Red Tape Review
- ■State Alignment, Consumable Hemp
- ■Legislative Update
  - **■**SF69
  - **SSB113**



#### Data Update: Practitioners

New and Cumulative Certifying Practitioners by Month





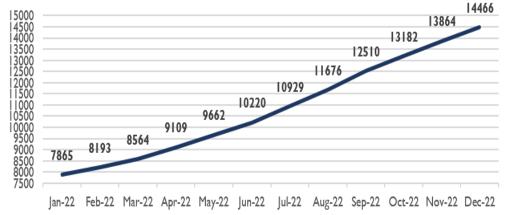
■ARNPs ■DO/MDs ■PAs ■Podiatrists

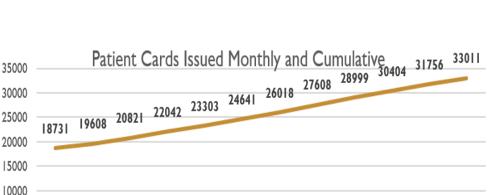
- ■The total number of unique certifying providers increased by 313 in 2022, a 19.2% increase
- ■ARNPS made up the most of new-certifiers in 2022, followed by MD/DOs
- Certifications via telemedicine were 30% of Approved applications in 2022



#### Data Update: Patients







Jan-22 Feb-22 Mar-22 Apr-22 May-22 Jun-22 Jul-22 Aug-22 Sep-22 Oct-22 Nov-22 Dec-22

— Cumulative Patient Cards Issued

- ■The total number of active patients increase by 6,601 in 2022, an 83.9% increase.
- ■The BMC approved 15,137 patient applications in 2022, an average 1261 per month



■ Patient Cards Issued

# Handling Patient Volume: Digital Registration Card



#### State of Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Registration Card



Sample Person

DOB: XX/XX/XXXX

Gender: Street City, Zip

Issued: XX/XX/XXXX

Expires: XX/XX/XXXX

Patient

Registration Number: XXXXXXXX

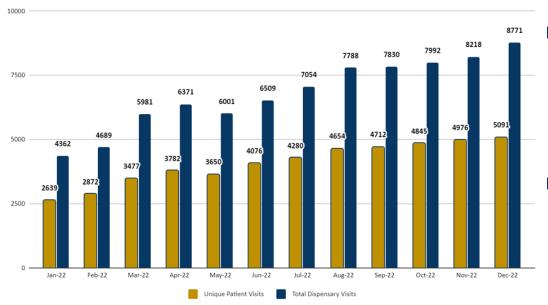
Movement to a digital registration card in July, 2022 has allowed the BMC to absorb increases in volume, decreased processing time, and significantly reduce printing and postage costs

■The unique QR codes on each digital card also offers 24-hour verification for law enforcement



#### Data Update: Dispensary Visits

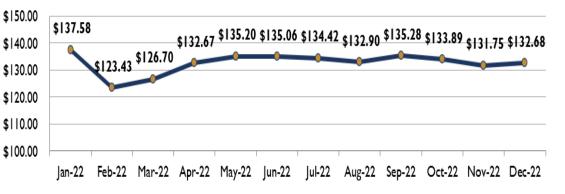
Dispensary Visits and Unique Patients by Month



■Month-over-month dispensary visits in 2022 increased 100% over 2021

■The average transaction price across all transactions was \$131.88

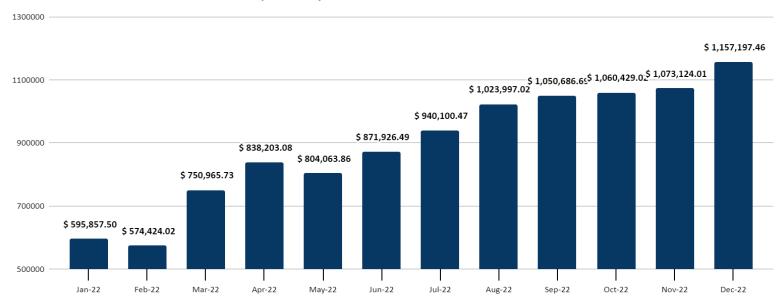
Average Transaction Price





## Data Update: Dispensary Sales

#### Dispensary Sales - Previous 12 Months



- ■In calendar year 2022, the program saw \$10,740,975 in cumulative sales, a 73% increase over 2021
  - ■2021 Sales = \$6,208,600
  - ■2020 Sales = \$3,518, 415



## Executive Order 10, Red Tape Review

- The Board is aware of proposed amendments to licensee marketing and advertising activities
- ■On January 10, 2022, Governor Reynolds issued Executive Order 10, which impacts agencies ability to adopt or amend rules
  - ■Review of Statute and Administrative Rules
  - ■Red Tape Review
- ■The BMC will serve as a pilot for this review, and be towards the front of the line
  - ■Incorporation of drafted marketing and advertising rules



#### State Government Alignment, Consumable Hemp

- A bill has been introduced to merge IDPH and DHS as a broad alignment initiative by Governor Reynolds
- ■As part of this realignment and consolidation, DIA's consumable hemp program (lowa Administrative Code 481, Chapter 32) will be joining IDHHS on July 1, 2023 should the bill pass, creating a centralized cannabis regulatory agency
- ■There is progressive overlap between the cannabis and cannabinoid-hemp industries. This will allow for consolidation of regulation and expertise around cannabis products in Iowa. This same strategy is being used in numerous other programs in the US.



## 2023 Legislative Update

#### ■SF69 - Legal Task Force for Exemption

- An Act requiring the creation of a medical cannabidiol legal task force for the protection of certain Federal funding
- ■Subcommittee scheduled for February 13
  - Sens. Zaun, Boulton, Bousselot

#### ■SSBII3 - Dispensary Licensing, Vaporizable Flower

- ■Raises dispensary licenses from 5-10
  - Existing licensees are eligible to apply for one license
  - New licenses cannot be in counties with existing dispensaries
  - Limited licensing criteria
- ■Allows for vaporizable flower
- ■Subcommittee not yet scheduled



# Questions?

