

STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF
Health AND **Human**
SERVICES

Medical Cannabidiol Board
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE IOWA GENERAL
ASSEMBLY

December 2023

8. SEEK A FEDERAL EXEMPTION FOR IOWA'S PROGRAM

The Board recommends that a task force of legal experts be authorized, similar to the current board of medical experts, to assist the Department in navigating the legal issues involved with requesting an exemption for Iowa's program from necessary Federal agencies. This is related to a recommendation in [the Board's 2019 Annual Report](#) and the passage of [HF2589](#) in June 2020.

IV. MANUFACTURER AND DISPENSARY LICENSING

MANUFACTURING

On September 8, 2020 the Department posted an RFP to license a second manufacturer. On December 22, 2020 the Department posted a Notice of Intent to Award this license to ICC MFG Holdings, LLC for Cedar Rapids, and issued this license on February 17, 2021. A formal request was made, and approved by the Department, to extend the operational timeline of the manufacturing facility to June 1, 2022. An additional request was made to relocate the location of the manufacturing facility from Cedar Rapids to Iowa City, and a new operational timeline of May 1, 2023 was approved by the Department. At the time of publication of this report, ICC's facility is operational, and intends to deliver products to Iowa dispensaries in Q1 of 2024.

DISPENSING

As of October, 2021, all five available dispensary licenses have been operational and dispensing to patients. MedPharm Iowa, LLC (dba Bud & Mary's) maintain licenses in Windsor Heights (Des Moines) and Sioux City. Iowa Cannabis Company maintains licenses in Iowa City, Waterloo, and Council Bluffs.