



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
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*Safe and Healthy Lives in Safe and Healthy Communities*

**To:** Members of the Community Interested in the:  
*Rules and Regulations Related to the Medical Marijuana Program  
(R21-28.6-MMP)*

**From:** Charles Alexandre, MS, RN, Chief  
Office of Health Professions Regulation

**Date:** January 9, 2006

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Attached for your review please find a copy of **DRAFT *Rules and Regulations Related to the Medical Marijuana Program***. These regulations are proposed in accordance with Public Laws 05-442 and 05-443 enacted on January 3, 2006. This new statute (Chapter 21-28.6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended) will permit persons with debilitating medical condition(s) to use marijuana if a physician certifies in writing that the marijuana may mitigate the symptoms of the condition(s).

Because of your interest, knowledge, and expertise in these matters, the Department would appreciate your review of the attached document in preparation for an *informal* community review meeting scheduled for: **TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.** in the **AUDITORIUM** of the Cannon Building (located on the lower level).

If you have any questions about the proposed regulations, please contact me at 401-222-2828 or via e-mail: [Charles.Alexandre@health.ri.gov](mailto:Charles.Alexandre@health.ri.gov). If you are unable to attend this meeting, you may direct your written comments to me before the meeting.

*Please feel free to circulate additional copies of this document, as needed.* Upon request, for persons with disabilities, copies of these proposed regulations are also available in Braille, large print, audio cassette, and electronic file (computer disk). Contact the Division of Health Services Regulation (401-222-1039 or RI Relay dial 711) if you need such assistance. These regulations should also appear soon on the Department's website: [www.health.ri.gov/hsr/regulations/index.php](http://www.health.ri.gov/hsr/regulations/index.php) and the Secretary of State's website: [www.rules.state.ri.us/rules/](http://www.rules.state.ri.us/rules/).

Your participation is appreciated. *Thank you.*

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