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Executive Office of Health and Human Services  
Department of Public Health  
Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality  
**Medical Use of Marijuana Program**  
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**APPLICATION OF INTENT**  
**Request for a Certificate of Registration to**  
**Operate a Registered Marijuana Dispensary**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

This application form is to be completed by any non-profit corporation that wishes to apply for a Certificate of Registration to operate a Registered Marijuana Dispensary (“RMD”) in Massachusetts.

If seeking a Certificate of Registration for more than one RMD, the applicant non-profit corporation (“Corporation”) must submit a separate *Application of Intent*, all required attachments, and an application fee for each proposed RMD. Please identify each application of multiple applications by designating it as Application 1, 2 or 3 in the header of each application page. Please note that no executive, member, or any entity owned or controlled by such an executive or member, may directly or indirectly control more than three RMDs.

However, even if submitting an *Application of Intent* for more than one RMD, an applicant need only submit one *Character and Competency form* for each required individual.

Unless indicated otherwise, all responses must be typed into the application forms. Handwritten responses will not be accepted. Please note that character limits include spaces.

Attachments should be labelled or marked so as to identify the question to which it relates.

Each submitted application must be a complete, collated response, printed single-sided, and secured with a binder clip (no ring binders, spiral binding, staples, or folders).

Mail or hand-deliver the *Application of Intent*, with all required attachments, the \$1,500 application fee, and Remittance Form to:

Department of Public Health  
Medical Use of Marijuana Program  
RMD Applications  
99 Chauncy Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02111

**Application fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.**

## REVIEW

Applications are reviewed in the order they are received.

After a completed application packet and fee is received by the Department of Public Health (“Department”), the Department will review the information and will contact the applicant if clarifications/updates to the submitted application materials are needed. The Department will notify the applicant whether they have met the standards necessary to be invited to submit a *Management and Operations Profile*.

If invited by the Department to submit a *Management and Operations Profile*, the applicant must submit the *Management and Operations Profile* within 45 days from the date of the invitation letter, or the applicant must submit a new *Application of Intent* and fee.

## PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

Applicants have one year from the date of the submission of the *Management and Operations Profile* to receive a Provisional Certificate of Registration. If an applicant does not receive a Provisional of Certificate of Registration after one year, the applicant must submit a new *Application of Intent* and fee.

## REGULATIONS

For complete information regarding registration of an RMD, please refer to 105 CMR 725.100.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that all responses are consistent with the requirements of 105 CMR 725.000, et seq., and any requirements specified by the Department, as applicable.

## PUBLIC RECORDS

Please note that all application responses, including all attachments, will be subject to release pursuant to a public records request, as redacted pursuant to the requirements at M.G.L. c. 4, § 7(26).

## QUESTIONS

If additional information is needed regarding the RMD application process, please contact the Medical Use of Marijuana Program at 617-660-5370 or [RMDapplication@state.ma.us](mailto:RMDapplication@state.ma.us).

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## CHECKLIST

The forms and documents listed below must accompany each application, and be submitted as outlined above:

- A fully and properly completed *Application of Intent*, signed by an authorized signatory of the corporation
- A copy of the Corporation's *Certificate of Legal Existence* from the Massachusetts Secretary of State
- Financial account summary(ies) (as outlined in Section D)
- A bank or cashier's check made payable to the *Commonwealth of Massachusetts* for \$1,500.
- A completed *Remittance Form* (use template provided)
- A completed and signed *Character and Competency* form (use template provided) for each of the following actors:
  - Chief Executive Officer; Chief Operating Officer; Chief Financial Officer; individual/entity responsible for marijuana for medical use cultivation operations; individual/entity responsible for the RMD security plan and security operations; each member of the Board of Directors; each Member of the Corporation, if any; and each person and entity known to date that is committed to contributing 5% or more of initial capital to operate the proposed RMD. For entities contributing initial capital to operate the proposed RMD, the *Character and Competency* Form must be completed and signed by the entity's Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director and President/Chair of the Board of Directors.

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Application 1 of 1 Applicant Non-Profit Corporation VitaSphere, Inc.

**SECTION A. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

1. VitaSphere, Inc.  
Legal name of Corporation
2. Gene A. Mercado  
Name of Corporation's Chief Executive Officer
3. 1150 Walnut Street  
Newton, MA 02461  
Address of Corporation (Street, City/Town, Zip Code)
4. Daniel Glissman, Esq., Attorney for the Applicant  
Applicant point of contact (name of person the Department should contact regarding this application)
5. 617-456-8181  
Applicant point of contact's telephone number
6. dglissman@princelobel.com  
Applicant point of contact's e-mail address
7. Number of applications: How many *Applications of Intent* do you intend to submit? 1

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**SECTION B. INCORPORATION**

8. Attach a *Certificate of Legal Existence* from the Massachusetts Secretary of State, documenting that the applicant non-profit entity is incorporated as a non-profit in Massachusetts.

**SECTION C. CHARACTER AND COMPETENCY**

9. Attach a *Character and Competency* form (use template provided) for each of the following actors:
  - The Chief Executive Officer; Chief Operating Officer; Chief Financial Officer; individual/entity responsible for marijuana for medical use cultivation operations; individual/entity responsible for the RMD security plan and security operations; each member of the Board of Directors; each Member of the Corporation, if any; and each person and entity known to date that is committed to contributing 5% or more of initial capital to operate the proposed RMD. For entities contributing initial capital to operate the proposed RMD, the *Character and Competency* Form must be completed and signed by the entity's Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director and President/Chair of the Board of Directors.

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View Account Information for: **FREE CKG 0001**

**Current Account Information**

**FREE CKG 0001 / GENE A MERCADO**

Other names on this account:

**Current balance** 788,947.67  
**Available balance** 790,280.73

**Last statement balance** 791,490.02  
**Date of last statement** 7/18/16

**Date opened** 12/27/04      **Date of last deposit** 4/13/16  
**Date last overdrawn**



**ATTESTATIONS**

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, I, the authorized signatory for the applicant non-profit corporation, agree and attest that all information included in this application is complete and accurate and that I have an ongoing obligation to submit updated information to the Department if the information presented within this application has changed.

  
Signature of Authorized Signatory

07/29/2016  
Date Signed

Gene A. Mercado

Print Name of Authorized Signatory

President

Title of Authorized Signatory

I hereby attest that if the non-profit corporation is allowed to proceed to submit a *Management and Operations Profile*, the applicant non-profit corporation is prepared to pay a non-refundable application fee of \$30,000 and the cost of all required background checks, and comply with all *Management and Operations Profile* and *Siting Profile* requirements.

  
Signature of Authorized Signatory

07/29/2016  
Date Signed

Gene A. Mercado

Print Name of Authorized Signatory

President

Title of Authorized Signatory

I hereby attest that I understand that registered marijuana dispensaries are required to conduct background investigations of proposed Dispensary Agents, that such background investigations are subject to the Department's inspection and review, and that the applicant non-profit corporation will not engage the services of a Dispensary Agent that has ever been convicted of a felony drug offense in Massachusetts, or a like violation of the laws of another state, the United States, or a military, territorial, or Indian tribal authority.

  
Signature of Authorized Signatory

07/29/2016  
Date Signed

Gene A. Mercado

Print Name of Authorized Signatory

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Title of Authorized Signatory

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William Francis Galvin  
Secretary of the  
Commonwealth

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth*  
*State House, Boston, Massachusetts 02133*

Date: July 28, 2016

To Whom It May Concern :

I hereby certify that according to the records of this office,  
**VITASPHERE, INC.**

is a domestic corporation organized on **April 14, 2016**

I further certify that there are no proceedings presently pending under the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 180 section 26 A, for revocation of the charter of said corporation; that the State Secretary has not received notice of dissolution of the corporation pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180, Section 11, 11A, or 11B; that said corporation has filed all annual reports, and paid all fees with respect to such reports, and so far as appears of record said corporation has legal existence and is in good standing with this office.



In testimony of which,  
I have hereunto affixed the  
Great Seal of the Commonwealth  
on the date first above written.

*William Francis Galvin*

Secretary of the Commonwealth

Certificate Number: 16070711270

Verify this Certificate at: <http://corp.sec.state.ma.us/CorpWeb/Certificates/Verify.aspx>

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