34. Provide a summary of the RMD’s plans for providing patient education.

Information relayed between staff and patients/caregivers is strictly confidential. We will discuss terminology, strains and effects of various forms of marijuana with the patient/caregiver and assist in selecting a medication. Discussions will include: usages and dosages, highlighting the safest methods; emphasize starting with the smallest amount of medicine and titrating to effect; amounts allowed by law; maintaining a log recording the effects of the strain, amount/frequency of dosing to quantify individual patient needs; and potential side-effects, withdrawal, abuse and abuse prevention/treatment programs.

We will warn that: marijuana has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA; there is limited information on side effects; there may be health risks associated with its use; it should be kept away from children; it must be stored in a locked cabinet; when under the influence of marijuana, driving is prohibited by M.G.L. c. 90, s. 24 and machinery should not be operated; patients may not distribute marijuana to others; and any unused, excess or contaminated product must be returned to the RMD.

We will demonstrate delivery options (i.e. vaporizers/MIPs) and explain the benefits/risks of each delivery mode. We will provide free educational material in a variety of languages and for the hearing/visually impaired reiterating the discussed information, abuse prevention and ways to contact our dispensary. We will host a website with information on research/regulations.
This letter is to inform you that the Department of Public Health ("Department") has further reviewed Mass Wellspring, Inc.'s Management and Operations Profile (Application 1 of 1). In addition to the information identified in its January 4, 2016 letter, the Management and Operations Profile requires the following information before the Department may complete its evaluation:

1. In response to Question E.34, applicant states that it will, "Explain the following: ...it may not be appropriate for children." Pursuant to 105 CMR 725.105(K)(1) an RMD's educational material must include, "A warning that marijuana...should be kept away from children."

As this issue was not identified in the January 4, 2016 letter, Mass Wellspring, Inc.'s resubmission will be considered contemporaneously with its resubmission following the January 4, 2016 letter, provided that the Department receives the information requested above prior to reviewing the responses to the January 4, 2016 letter.

Please resubmit the additional or revised information as outlined above, via U.S. mail or hand-delivery, to:

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

Upon receipt, the Department will review the information and will notify the applicant if it is invited to submit a Siting Profile or if further information is required before the applicant may proceed.
Please remember to type all responses in the information or materials resubmitted to the Department, other than any required signatures, as well as include the name of the Applicant Non-Profit Corporation and the number of the application (e.g., Application 1 of 1) at the top of each page of the resubmitted information or materials.

If you have questions or need assistance, you may contact the Department at 617-660-5370 or RMDapplication@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

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