

Cannabis Office Bulletin 2025-3

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Out-of-state Patient Medical Cardholders Sales, Compliance Deadline

This bulletin is issued by the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission ("CCC"), through the Cannabis Office, with respect to the requirements for sales to out-of-state patients and the compliance deadline set forth in the Final Regulations, 560-RICR-10-10-2 § 2.11 (E)(3)(a), administered by the Cannabis Office at the Cannabis Control Commission, which became effective on May 1, 2025.

560-RICR-10-10-2 § 2.11 (E)(3)(a) provides a one hundred and eighty (180) day period from the regulations' effective date for licensed Compassion Centers to come into compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 21-28.11-5(b)(33) and 21-28.11-10(f) which state that sales may be conducted to out-of-state patient medical cardholders provided that:

1. The patient has a valid medical cannabis card, or its equivalent, which has been issued by the applicable regulating authority for the medical cannabis program of the issuing U.S. state/jurisdiction/territory.

AND

2. The patient possesses and presents a valid government-issued identification demonstrating residency in the **same state that issued the medical cannabis card.**

A passport does not display the issuing state/jurisdiction/territory as required by 560-RICR-10-10-2.11(E)(3)(a).

Please be advised that:

Tuesday, October 28th marks the end of this one hundred and eighty (180) day period; therefore, as of this date, all Compassion Center sales to out-of-state patient cardholders must comply with the medical cannabis card/issuing authority/state residency requirements as described in the Rhode Island Cannabis Act and the final Cannabis Control Commission Regulations.

Any questions concerning this Bulletin or requirements under the Rhode Island Cannabis Act and CCC Regulations should be directed to CCC.Cannabis.Compliance@ccc.ri.gov