

Rulemaking Adoption - Revised Regulated Natural Medicine Rules

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Industry Bulletin

On April 30, 2026, the State Licensing Authority adopted and filed permanent rule revisions with the Secretary of State. Unless otherwise specified in rule, **the adopted rules will take effect on July 1, 2026.**

The Natural Medicine Division (Division) is issuing this Industry Bulletin to provide an overview of revised rules to support licensee compliance. **This bulletin does not encompass all new or revised rules.** Licensees should review the [complete rules](#) as they prepare to comply with the adopted revisions.

Final Adopted Rules

Streamlining Processes:

Several requirements for documentation in the initial application for a Natural Medicine Business License were removed from the requirements to apply, and moved to maintaining a copy, which must be made available upon request.

- **Electronic Notifications:** The Division will send notifications, such as License approvals, to the last electronic mailing address provided by an Applicant or Licensee rather than physically mailing such notifications. *Impacted Rule: 2105*
- **Timing of Fee Submissions:** Moving forward, Natural Medicine Business License renewal applications, and Owner & Handler initial and renewal applications must be submitted with **both the application fee and the compliance fee.** *Impacted Rule: 2110*
- **Initial Security Plan Details Removed:** Applicants are no longer required to submit a detailed diagram mapping every video camera angle, direction of coverage, and secure storage location at the time of the initial application. Instead, they only need to provide basic business contact info for their security vendors. **Comprehensive security plans must be maintained on-site and available for inspection before starting operations.** *Impacted Rules: 2125, 2130, 3010, 5005, 6005, 7005, 8005*
- **Distance Diagram for Healing Centers:** Healing Center Applicants are no longer required to submit a pedestrian-access map with the application. The Division will continue to verify a Healing Center is more than 1,000 feet away from a school or childcare facility during the application review process. *Impacted Rules: 2125*
- **Fewer Entity Documents at Intake:** Applicants are no longer required to upload a certificate of good standing and details of a registered agent during the initial application. Licensees must still maintain these records and make them available to the Division upon request. *Impacted Rules: 2125, 3010*

- **Cultivation Testing Streamlining:** Regulated Natural Medicine Cultivators co-located with a Product Manufacturer with identical ownership are now exempt from separate microbial testing batches **if the entire Harvest Lot goes directly into final products that are subject to final product form testing.** *Impacted Rules: 4010*

Owner / Owner Entity Rule Updates:

The definition of "Owner" was revised to distinguish an individual (natural person) from an "Owner Entity" (an entity with a financial interest in a natural medicine business), clarifying expectations and streamlining application processes. *Impacted Rule: 1025.*

- **Separation of Fees:** There are now separate fees for "Owner License" (for individuals) and "Owner Entity License." *Impacted Rule: 2005.*
- **New Owner Entity Fees:** Owner Entities must pay a \$1,000 application fee and a \$3,000 compliance fee, with \$4,000 total due at renewal. *Impacted Rule: 2005.*
- **Tax Documents Not Required at Renewal:** Individual Owner Licensees are no longer required to submit active tax documents at the time of renewal application, provided they continue to cooperate with Department of Revenue verification requests. *Impacted Rule: 2130*

Home Occupation:

- Revisions clarify when a Healing Center may be licensed in a residential zone, within the following parameters:
 - Must be in a separate structure.
 - Local Jurisdiction zoning must allow for Home Occupancy.
 - Must comply with all other Healing Center specific requirements.
 - Licensed Premises must not be an occupied residence; and
 - Separate Access Control: The separate structure must feature clearly marked, secured entrances and exits completely independent of any domestic living space.

Impacted Rule: 2125

Change of Ownership clarifications:

- A Change of Ownership application and approval is now required when a business adds Owner Licenses not previously associated with the Natural Medicine Business License.
- **Pre-Approval Required:** The revised rule explicitly mandates that adding or transferring any Financial Interest to a person who is not already an existing Owner Licensee requires a Change of Ownership Application and Division approval *prior* to that person exercising license privileges or participating in corporate decision-making.
- **Changes Reporting:** Conversely, transfers of ownership percentages between existing Owner Licensees, or the outright removal of an Owner Licensee from the business structure require notification at the next annual renewal.

Impacted Rules: 2145

Commingling Personal Use Activities with Regulated Activities Clarification

The revised rules make it clear that Licensees are prohibited from commingling personal use activities with their licensed Natural Medicine Business activities. *Impacted Rules: 5010, 6010, 8010.*

Changes Impacting Testing Facilities:

- **Zero Initial Fees:** Initial application fee and compliance fee for a new Natural Medicine Testing Facility have been reduced to **\$0.00**.
- **Reduced License Renewal Fees:** Testing facility renewals were cut down to a \$500 application fee and \$2,000 compliance fee (\$2,500 total).
Impacted Rule: 2005
- **Law Enforcement Testing Allowance:** Testing facilities are now expressly authorized to accept and analyze natural medicine samples submitted directly by law enforcement.
Impacted Rule: 7005

Healing Center Changes:

- **Administration Session Log Submissions:** Healing Center Licensees are no longer required to submit administration session logs with their renewal application. Licensees are still required to capture this information, and submit their logs on Division-required forms at least quarterly until the CDPHE data collection system is fully launched.*
** The Division will send additional information to Healing Center Licensees when they may begin submitting administration session information to the CDPHE.*
Impacted Rule: 8035
- **Service Animal Protocols:** Healing Centers must incorporate service animal protocols in their Standard Operating Procedures.
Impacted Rule: 8035

Proposed Rules Not Adopted:

The following proposed rules and topics were not ultimately incorporated into the adopted rules. The Division intends to revisit these conversations in a future rulemaking.

Grinding at Healing Centers:

- The proposed expansion of Healing Center privileges to grind regulated natural medicine **was not adopted** due to mixed feedback, the need for further research, and a lack of Administrative Procedures Act (APA) required notice for this topic.

Personal Use Testing:

- Revisions regarding Personal Use Testing **were not** incorporated because they were not contemplated in APA required notice.

Testing Facility ISO Accreditation Elimination and Research & Development:

- The Division did not recommend eliminating the ISO accreditation requirement or allowing testing facilities to conduct Research & Development.