

Attorney General Opinion Number 7250, August 31, 2010:

The Michigan Attorney General opined that the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2008, MCL 333.26421 et seq, does not prohibit the Department of Community Health from entering into an agreement or contract with an outside vendor to assist the department in processing applications, eligibility determinations, and the issuance of identification cards to patients and caregivers, if the Department of Community Health retains its authority to approve or deny issuance of registry identification cards.

However, 2009 AACS, R 333.121(2) promulgated by the Department of Community Health under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2008, MCL 333.26421 et seq, which provides that the confidential information "may only be accessed or released to authorized employees of the department," prevents the Department of Community Health from entering into a contract with an outside vendor to process registry applications or renewals.