

Clarification on the use of the term “dispensary” for Medical Marihuana Provisioning Centers

According to state law, a provisioning center licensed under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA) may not refer to itself as a “dispensary” and may not use the word “dispensary” in its advertising. In addition, state law requires that Medical Marihuana facilities shall not use any of these terms in the advertisement of their medical marihuana business.

- pharmacy
- pharmacist
- Pharm.D
- doctor of pharmacy
- pharmacy intern
- pharmacy technician
- licensed pharmacy technician
- certified pharmacy technician
- CPhT
- apothecary
- **dispensary**
- drugstore
- druggist
- medicine store
- prescriptions
- r.ph.

The Michigan Public Health Code ([Section 333.17711](#)) states that the listed words, titles, or letters – or a combination thereof, with or without qualifying words or phrases – are restricted in use only to those persons who are authorized under Part 177 of the Public Health Code – [Pharmacy Practice and Drug Control](#) – to use them in the manner prescribed in the code.

The MMFLA, [Section 102](#), defines “marihuana facility” as a location at which a license holder is licensed to operate under the MMFLA. The MMFLA also defines “provisioning center” to mean a licensee that is a commercial entity that purchases marihuana from a grower or processor and sells, supplies, or provides marihuana to registered qualifying patients or registered primary caregivers. The term “provisioning center” includes any commercial property where marihuana is sold at retail to registered qualifying patients or registered primary caregivers.

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