

Competition for Medical Marijuana Permits Gets Tighter

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At a news briefing yesterday held by Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Karen Murphy, the state announced that it will be issuing up to 27 dispensary permits and 12 growers/processor permits as part of the initial phase of the Medical Marijuana program, approximately half the amount allowed under the Medical Marijuana Act.

It is anticipated that Allegheny County will receive two dispensary permits and Westmoreland, Butler and Washington Counties will receive one each. If a dispensary is a recipient of a permit, that dispensary will be allowed to operate one primary location in the county in which it is issued and two secondary locations in different counties.

For growers/processors, there are six (6) designated regions in the state of Pennsylvania. Initial permitting will allow two (2) permits per region. Allegheny County is part of the Southwest region, which is also comprised of, Westmoreland, Butler, Washington, Beaver, Cambria, Armstrong, Somerset, Greene, Fayette and Indiana counties.

Applications for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, which will be available beginning on January 17, 2017, can be submitted between February 20, 2017 and March 20, 2017.

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