

# 2023 ANNUAL CANNABIS REPORT

Illinois Department of Public Health



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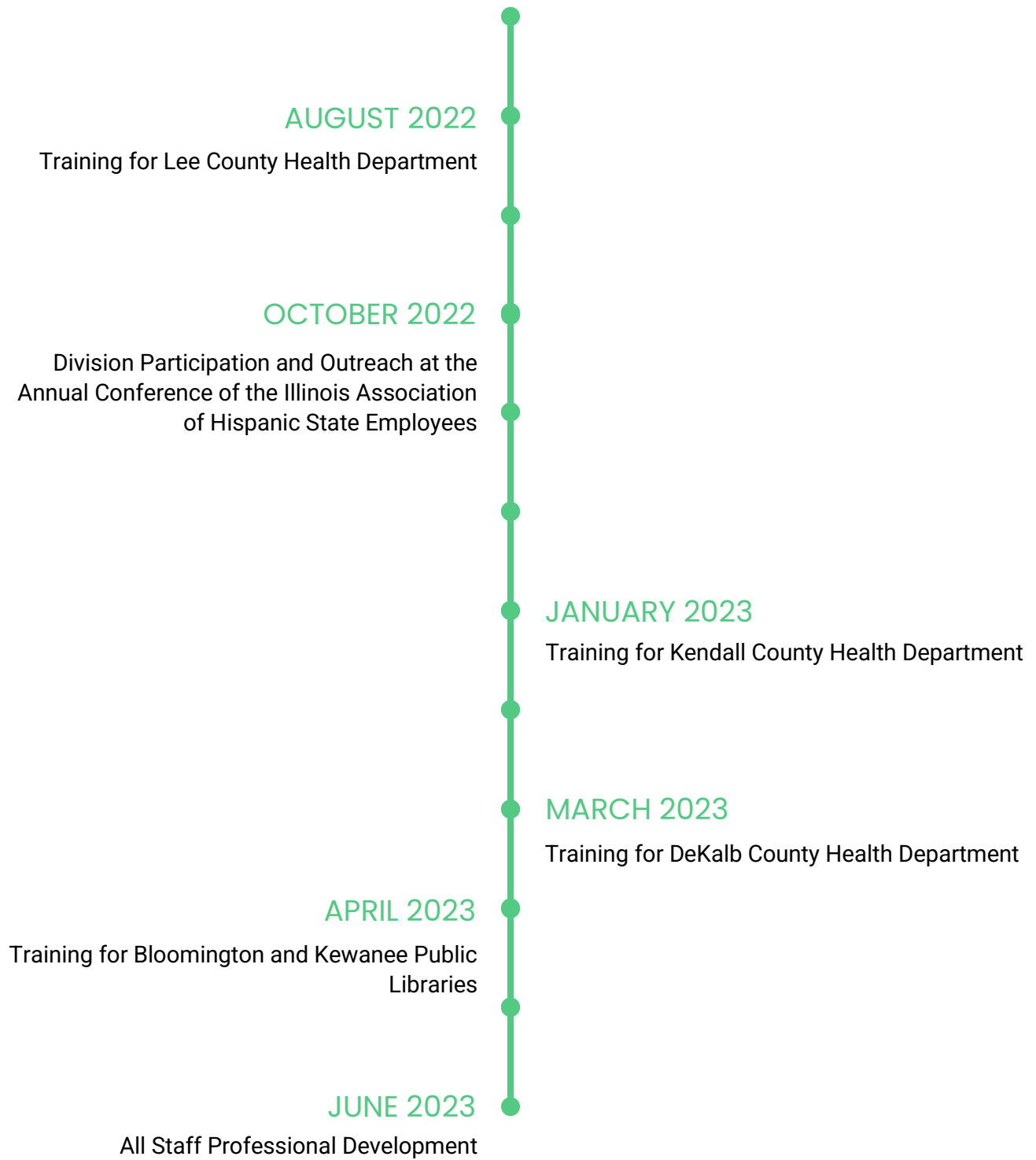
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# SUMMARY

The Medical Cannabis and Opioid Alternative programs, overseen by the Illinois Department of Public Health, assist the most vulnerable citizens suffering debilitating medical conditions to receive support and access to cannabis for medical use and pain relief.

During FY23, the IDPH Division of Medical Cannabis experienced increases in the number of patients served and in the number of registered providers. As in the previous year, the division performed public outreach and training to increase awareness of the Medical Cannabis programs and to support the local health departments that aid patients applying for participation in the programs.

# FY2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



# FY2024 GOALS

## Summary

A brief description of the Division of Medical Cannabis goals and essential projects are described below for FY24 and their relevance to advancing cannabis program priorities.

### IDPH FY24 Goals

1. Provide education to constituents on services provided by the Medical Cannabis Patient Registry Program.
2. Increase professional development opportunities for division staff.
3. Meaningfully engage newly formed Medical Cannabis Advisory Board (MCAB).

### IDPH FY24 Essential Projects

1. Engagement of local health departments (LHDs) and libraries.
2. Develop and complete professional development series of courses for program staff.
3. Identify opportunities for MCAB engagement.

### IDPH FY24 Metrics



**100%**  
engagement  
of MCAB  
members



**10**  
education  
sessions  
provided to  
LHDs, libraries,  
and other  
groups.



**100%**  
staff  
engagement in  
professional  
development  
series

# KEY DATA POINTS

## ***Overview of the Medical Cannabis Patient Program and Opioid Alternative Pilot Program***

In August 2013, Illinois became the 20th state to authorize a program for the cultivation and dispensing of cannabis for medical purposes. The statewide Medical Cannabis Patient Registry Program (MCP) allows patients diagnosed with a qualifying condition to access medical cannabis. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) manages the registry by receiving and processing applications and issuing registry cards to Illinois residents meeting program requirements. Application resources, new and existing patient instructions, health care providers, contact information, laws, rules, and referral sources are available online ([Medical Cannabis Patient Registry Program \(illinois.gov\)](https://www.idph.state.il.us/medical-cannabis-patient-registry-program)).

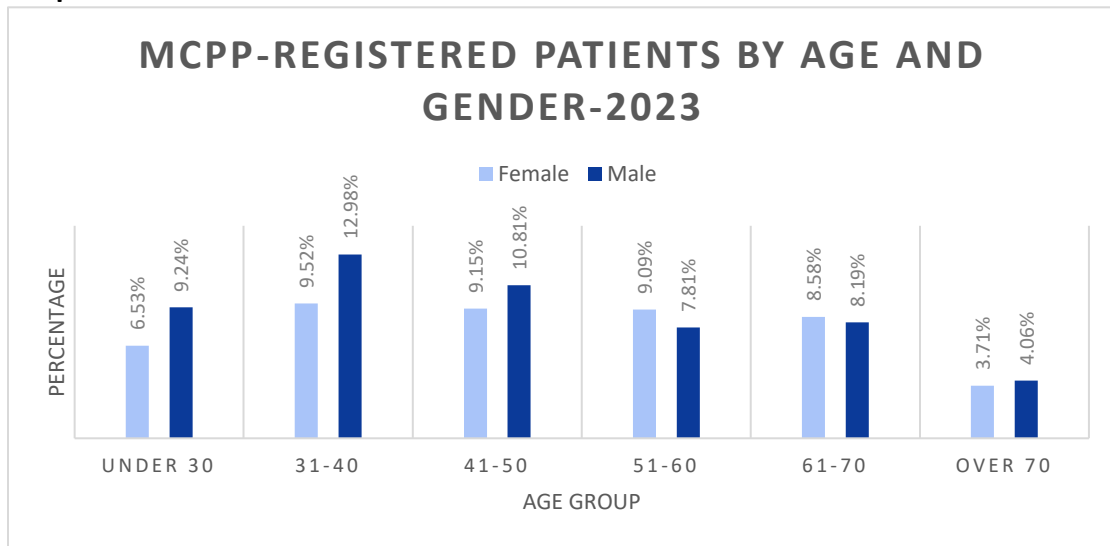
In August 2018, Public Act 100-1114, the [Alternative to Opioids Act of 2018](#), was signed making changes to the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act. The public act created the Opioid Alternative Pilot Program (OAPP), which allows access to medical cannabis for individuals who have a prescription for opioids or have a condition for which an opioid otherwise would be prescribed, as certified to by a registered health care provider.

On January 31, 2019, IDPH officially launched the OAPP. Qualifying patients for OAPP must be at least 21 years old and be a resident of Illinois. Licensed physicians must certify the qualifying patients have a medical condition for which an opioid has been or could be prescribed based on generally accepted standards of care. Requirements, laws and rules for qualifying patients, and resources for physicians are detailed on the website ([Opioid Alternative Pilot Program \[illinois.gov\]](#)). The long-term goal of the program is to reduce harm related to opioid use.

### **1. Number of applications and renewals filed for registry identification cards/registrations.**

- IDPH has approved 237,440 applications for qualifying patients since it began accepting applications for MCP on September 2, 2014.
- The number of active patients in the MCP program as of June 30, 2023 was 138,471.
- 24,810 applications were renewed in FY23.
- The highest percentage of qualifying applications were submitted by individuals between 31 and 40 years of age.
- Among registered MCP patients in FY23, a higher percentage reported a gender of male than female (53.09% vs. 45.58%).

**Graph 1**



**2. Number of qualifying patients and designated caregivers served by each dispensary for 2022.**

On July 15, 2021, Gov. JB Pritzker signed HB1443, which removed the requirement of a medical cannabis patient and/or caregiver to select a single dispensary.

**3. Nature of the debilitating medical conditions of the qualifying patients.**

The top five debilitating medical conditions from qualifying patients for FY23 (Table1) remain unchanged from the prior year and are:

1. Chronic pain
2. Post-traumatic stress disorder
3. Migraines
4. Osteoarthritis
5. Severe fibromyalgia

**Table 1: Debilitating medical conditions of the qualifying patients.**

Nature of the debilitating medical conditions of the qualifying patients under MCCP	Percentage	Number
Chronic pain	33.49%	24,856

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)	14.92%	11,071
Migraines	8.67%	6,433
Osteoarthritis	8.42%	6,249
Severe fibromyalgia	6.49%	4,814
Cancer	4.80%	3,562
Neuropathy	3.39%	2,516
Irritable bowel syndrome	3.28%	2,432
Spinal cord disease – arachnoiditis	2.67%	1,981
Rheumatoid arthritis	1.91%	1,415
Seizures (including those characteristic of epilepsy)	1.28%	949
Traumatic brain injury and post-concussion syndrome	1.26%	935
Multiple sclerosis	1.19%	883
Crohn's disease	0.96%	716
Spinal cord injury	0.71%	528
Glaucoma	0.69%	512
Autism	0.52%	387
CRPS (complex regional pain syndromes type II)	0.46%	342
Lupus	0.45%	335
Positive status for human immunodeficiency virus	0.42%	315
Ulcerative colitis	0.38%	284
Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (EDS)	0.30%	220
Parkinson's	0.27%	203
Interstitial cystitis	0.26%	195
Causalgia	0.26%	193
Sjogren's syndrome	0.25%	189
Residual limb pain	0.25%	188
Anorexia nervosa	0.25%	184
Hepatitis C	0.24%	181
Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)	0.19%	138
Reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD) (Complex regional pain syndromes type I)	0.16%	118
Cachexia/wasting syndrome	0.16%	117
Tourette's syndrome	0.15%	115
Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy	0.13%	99
Dystonia	0.13%	98
Arnold-Chiari malformation and syringomyelia	0.10%	77
Agitation of Alzheimer's disease	0.07%	50
Muscular dystrophy	0.06%	47
Neurofibromatosis	0.06%	43



Myoclonus	0.05%	39
Myasthenia gravis	0.05%	38
Polycystic kidney disease (PKD)	0.05%	36
Hydrocephalus	0.04%	29
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)	0.03%	23
Fibrous dysplasia	0.03%	20
Tarlov cysts	0.02%	16
Syringomyelia	0.02%	14
Spinocerebellar ataxia (SCA)	0.02%	13
Neuro-Behcet's autoimmune disease	0.01%	5
Nail-patella syndrome	0.00%	3
Superior canal dehiscence syndrome	0.00%	3
Hydromyelia	0.00%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>74,210</b>

**4. The number of registry identification cards or registrations revoked for misconduct.**

- 85 MCPP patient and designated caregiver registry identification cards were revoked.
- Major credential status reasons for revoking included death, change from terminal illness to qualifying patient, reapplication with new qualifying patient, and IDPH physician revocation.

**5. The number of certifying health care professionals providing written certifications for qualifying patients.**

- 4,990 health care professionals provided written certifications for qualifying patients.

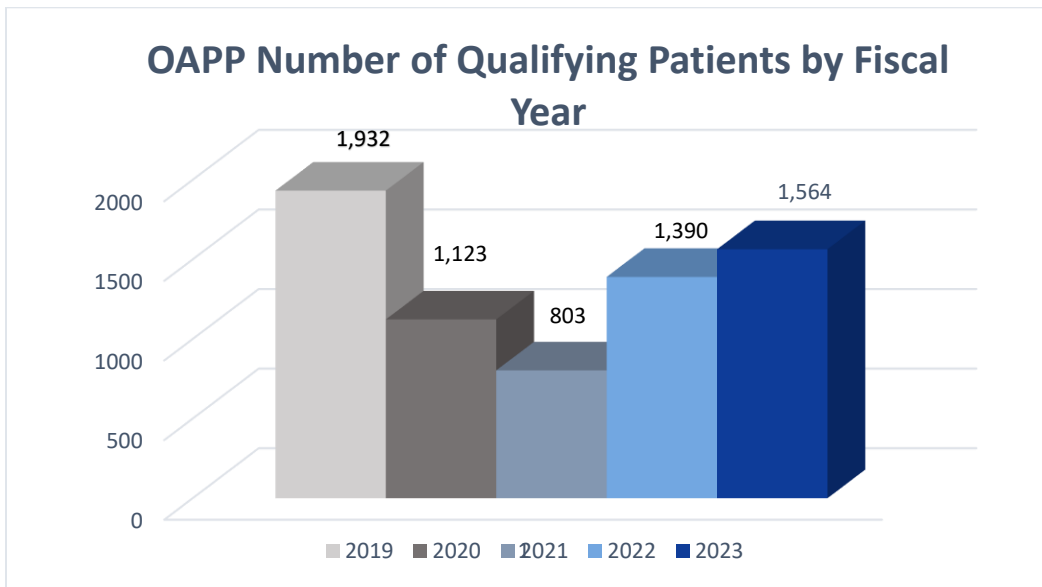
**6. The number of registered medical cannabis cultivation centers or registered dispensing organizations.**

- The number of medical cannabis cultivation centers in FY23 was 21 and was unchanged from the prior year. (See Appendix A)
- There are 55 licensed medical cannabis dispensaries. (See Appendix B)

**7. The number of Opioid Alternative Pilot Program participants.**

- 1,564 patients were enrolled in the OAPP, continuing a trend of growth in participation in this program since FY21.
- 54% of OAPP participants were prescribed an opioid.

**Graph 2**



# FUNDING USAGE

## Summary

IDPH had no expenditures on the 0912 appropriation; the 0075 appropriation expenditures for FY23 are shown below.

Salaries	\$	938,635.38
Retirement	\$	500,162.37
FICA	\$	68,419.61
Insurance	\$	294,691.06
Contractual	\$	4,128,336.50
Supplies	\$	2,824.95
Telecom	\$	23,040.78
Grants	\$	15,450.00
Total FY23	\$	5,971,560.65

# LEGISLATION, UPDATES, AND INITIATIVES

IDPH does not intend to put forth any initiatives at this time.

## Appendix A

The Illinois Department of Agriculture issues 21 permits for medical cannabis cultivation centers, one per Illinois State Police District (except the Tollway). Pursuant to 410 ILCS 130/145(a)(2), applications for cultivation center permits, their contents, and supporting documentation are confidential and exempt from the Freedom of Information Act. The cultivation center in each district is identified below ([MCPP Update – June 30, 2023 - Medical Cannabis Pilot Program \[illinois.gov\]](#)).

District 1: PharmaCann, LLC  
District 2: Curative Health Cultivation, LLC.  
District 3: Illinois Grown Medicine, LLC  
District 4: Bedford Grow, LLC  
District 5: Cresco Labs, LLC  
District 6: PharmaCann, LLC  
District 7: GTI Rock Island, LLC  
District 8: Revolution Cannabis - Delavan, LLC  
District 9: Cresco Labs, LLC  
District 10: Shelbyville County Community Services, Inc.  
District 11: Progressive Treatment Solutions, LLC  
District 12: Effingham Medicinal Farms, LLC  
District 13: IESO, LLC  
District 14: Nature's Grace and Wellness, LLC  
District 15: N/A  
District 16: In Grown Farms, LLC2  
District 17: GTI Oglesby LLC  
District 18: Compass Ventures, Inc.  
District 19: Ataraxia, LLC  
District 20: Revolution Cannabis - Barry, LLC  
District 21: Cresco Labs, LLC  
District 22: Wellness Group Pharms, LLC

**Appendix B**

<b>IDFPR - LICENSED MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES</b>					
<p><b>The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), Division of Professional Regulation, has licensed the following medical cannabis dispensaries under the Illinois Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act, 410 ILCS 130/1 <i>et seq.</i>, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.</b></p>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Address and Phone Number</b>	<b>Medical Cannabis District</b>	<b>License Issue Date</b>	<b>Credential Number</b>	<b>Registry ID</b>
Consume - Marion	8195 Express Drive Marion, IL 62959 618-969-8217	13	8/24/2015	280.000001-DISP	13-001
Rise - Mundelein	1325 Armour Blvd. Mundelein, IL 60060 847-616-8966	27	9/17/2015	280.000002-DISP	27-001
Rise - Canton	3104 N. Main St. Canton, IL 61520 309-647-9333	14	9/18/2015	280.000003-DISP	14-001
Herbal Remedies Dispensary	4440 Broadway Suite A Quincy, IL 62305 217-214-6337	20	9/24/2015	280.000004-DISP	20-001
EarthMed	852 S. Westgate St. Addison, IL 60101 630-607-0796	24	10/21/2015	280.000005-DISP	24-002
Verilife	161 S. Lincolnway St., Suite 301 North Aurora, IL 60542 630-264-0890	26	10/27/2015	280.000006-DISP	26-002
Verilife	1816 S. Arlington Heights Road Arlington Heights, IL 60005 847-755-2992	31	10/27/2015	280.000007-DISP	31-001
Verilife	4104 N. Columbus St. Ottawa, IL 61350 815-324-9189	17	10/28/2015	280.000008-DISP	17-001

Zen Leaf Evanston	1804 Maple Ave. Evanston, IL 60201 224-278-9988	34	11/9/2015	280.000009-DISP	34-001
Mapleglen Care Center	4777 Stenstrom Road Rockford, IL 61109 779-368-5154	16	11/16/2015	280.000010-DISP	16-002
Rise – Joliet Rock Creek	1627 Rock Creek Blvd. Joliet, IL 60431 815-773-9300	29	11/19/2015	280.000011-DISP	29-002
Dispensary 33	5001 N. Clark St. Chicago, IL 60640 312-620-3333	44	11/19/2015	280.000012-DISP	44-001
Sunnyside - Rockford	2696 McFarland Road Rockford, IL 61107 815-314-1900	16	11/24/2015	280.000013-DISP	16-001
Trinity Compassionate Care Centers	3125 N. University St., Suite B Peoria, IL 61604 309-863-2122	8	11/30/2015	280.000014-DISP	08-002
Enlightened – Cannabis for People	2015 E. Euclid Ave. Mount Prospect, IL 60056 224-801-2015	32	12/1/2015	280.000015-DISP	32-001
Sunnyside – Buffalo Grove	830 N. Milwaukee Ave. Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 847-495-2397	27	12/7/2015	280.000016-DISP	27-002
Curaleaf - Mokena	9930 W. 190th St., Unit H Mokena, IL 60448 708-258-1141	29	12/9/2015	280-000017-DISP	29-003
Curaleaf - Deerfield	151 Pfingsten Road, Unit V Deerfield, IL 60015 847-686-2821	33	12/15/2015	280-000018-DISP	33-001
Windy City Cannabis	1137 W. 175 <sup>th</sup> St. Homewood, IL 60430 312-874-7040	40	12/21/2015	280-000019-DISP	40-001
Zen Leaf St. Charles	3691 E. Main St. St. Charles, IL 60174 630- 377-7373	26	12/23/2015	280-000020-DISP	26-001
Curaleaf - Justice	8340 S. Roberts Road Justice, IL 60458 312-874-7040	37	1/4/2016	280-000021-DISP	37-001

Ascend	1014 Eastport Plaza Drive Collinsville, IL 62234 618-381-9229	11	1/7/2016	280-000022-DISP	11-002
Curaleaf - Worth	11425 S. Harlem Ave. Worth, IL 60482 312-874-7040	38	1/15/2016	280-000023-DISP	38-001
Nature's Care Company	975 Rohlwing Road Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 847-754-4955	30	1/22/2016	280-000024-DISP	30-001
Nature's Treatment of Illinois	973 Tech Drive Milan, IL 61264 309-283-7642	7	1/25/2016	280-000025-DISP	07-001
Windy City Cannabis	2535 Veterans Drive Posen, IL 60469 312-874-7040	39	1/29/2016	280-000026-DISP	39-001
Rise - Naperville	1700 Quincy Ave., Unit 103 Naperville, IL 60540 630-369-4000	24	1/29/2016	280-000027-DISP	24-001
Ascend MOCA - Logan Square	2847 W. Fullerton Ave. Chicago, IL 60647 773-722-6622	48	2/1/2016	280-000028-DISP	48-001
Ascend	628 E. Adams St. Springfield, IL 62701 217-679-3283	9	2/3/2016	280-000029-DISP	09-002
Verilife	1335 Lakeside Drive, Unit 4 Romeoville, IL 60446 630-359-3213	29	3/7/2016	280-000030-DISP	29-001
Thrive Harrisburg	105 N. Veterans Drive Harrisburg, IL 62946 618-715-0882	19	3/14/2016	280-000031-DISP	19-001
Zen Leaf Highland Park	1460 Old Skokie Road, Unit A Highland Park, IL 60035 847-780-3942	27	3/18/2016	280-000032-DISP	27-003
Midway by Ascend	5648 S. Archer Ave. Chicago, IL 60638 872-267-7038	43	4/13/2016	280-000033-DISP	43-002
Sunnyside – Elmwood Park	7955 W. Grand Ave. Elmwood Park, IL 60707 708-452-7688	35	4/18/2016	280-000034-DISP	35-001



Sunnyside - Champaign	1704 S. Neil St., Suite C Champaign, IL 61820 217-441-2076	10	4/26/2016	280-000035-DISP	10-002
Thrive Anna	87 Richview Drive Anna, IL 62906 618-715-0887	22	4/28/2016	280-000036-DISP	22-001
Curaleaf - Morris	2400 W. U.S. Route 6 Morris, IL 60450 815-513-0124	25	5/26/2016	280-000037-DISP	25-001
Hatch Dispensary	1433 W. Fullerton Ave., Unit C Addison, IL 60101 630-519-1300	24	6/3/2016	280-000038-DISP	24-003
The Dispensary	1801 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 1 Fulton, IL 61252 815-208-7701	1	6/7/2016	280-000039-DISP	01-001
Maribis of Chicago	4570 S. Archer Ave. Chicago, IL 60632 773-940-2216 and 888-888-5501	43	7/27/2016	280-000040-DISP	43-001
MedMen – Oak Park	1132 Lake St. Oak Park, IL 60301 855-977-6468	36	8/22/2016	280-000041-DISP	36-001
Rise - Effingham	1011 Ford Ave., Suite C Effingham, IL 62401 217-727-7715	12	8/22/2016	280-000042-DISP	12-001
Beyond/Hello	2021 Goose Lake Road Sauget, IL 62206 618-663-4311	11	8/29/2016	280-000043-DISP	11-001
Cannabist - Chicago	4758 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630 312-948-9082	41	8/29/2016	280-000044-DISP	41-002
Beyond/Hello	501 W. Northtown Road Normal, IL 61761 309-434-5141	6	9/12/2016	280-000045-DISP	06-001
NuEra Urbana	105 E. University Ave. Urbana, IL 61801 217-607-2867	10	10/20/2016	280-000046-DISP	10-001
Consume: Chicago	6428 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60631 872-304-3113	41	11/10/2016	280-000047-DISP	41-001

NuEra East Peoria	504 Riverside Drive East Peoria, IL 61611 309-839-1330	8	12/1/2016	280-000048-DISP	08-001
Maribis of Springfield	2272 N. Grand Ave. East Grandview, IL 62702 888-888-0217	9	12/13/2016	280-000049-DISP	09-001
Sunnyside - Wrigleyville	3524 N. Clark St. Chicago, IL 60657 773-698-8182	44	1/13/2017	280-000050-DISP	44-002
Zen Leaf Pilsen	1301 S. Western Ave. Chicago, IL 60608 773-724-4200	48	1/13/2017	280-000051-DISP	48-002
Windy City Cannabis - Litchfield	719 W. Union Ave. Litchfield, IL 62056 217-253-8883	18	3/14/2017	280-000052-DISP	18-001
Mission Illinois	8554 S. Commercial Ave. Chicago, IL 60617 773-530-0088 / 833-768-4357	42	6/8/2017	280-000053-DISP	42-001
Zen Leaf – Rogers Park	7305 N. Rogers Ave. Chicago, IL 60626 773-516-4007	46	3/23/2018	280-000054-DISP	46-001
NuEra Chicago	1308 W. North Ave. Chicago, IL 60642 773-687-8480	45	7/30/2018	280-000055-DISP	45-001