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December 28, 2023

Willard Meeks
[redacted]

Re: Application for *Pigford/BFL* MMTC License

Dear Mr. Willard Meeks:

On March 25, 2022, the Department of Health (Department) received your application for the *Pigford/BFL* MMTC license. The Department notified you of its intent to deny your application by letter dated September 20, 2022 (Denial Letter).

During the 2023 legislative session, the Florida Legislature enacted chapter 2023-292, Laws of Florida. Per Section 2, paragraph (2) of that law, the Department notified you by letter dated July 11, 2023, that you that had ninety (90) days to attempt to cure, pursuant to the errors and omissions process established in Emergency Rule 64ER21-16 and incorporated Application Instructions (Form DH8035-OMMU-10/2021), the deficiency identified in the Denial Letter. The deficiency identified in the Denial Letter was:

- Your application failed to demonstrate that you have the financial ability to maintain operations for the duration of the 2-year approval cycle because you failed to provide certified financial statements that satisfy the requirements of section 381.986(8)(b)7., Florida Statutes, and Emergency Rule 64ER21-16 and the incorporated Application Instructions.

On September 29, 2023, you timely submitted the materials to the Department curing the identified deficiency.

Pursuant to section 2, paragraph 2 of chapter 2023-292, Laws of Florida, your application for licensure as an MMTC is approved.

As an MMTC, you must maintain compliance with all applicable requirements of section 381.986, Florida Statutes, and Department rules and regulations. Your date of licensure or "final approval for licensure" is the date of this letter.

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Pursuant to Emergency Rule 64ER22-1, you must provide the required financial assurance on or before January 11, 2024, at 5:00 pm (eastern), which is 10 business days from your final approval for licensure. The financial assurance must be delivered as provided in Emergency Rule 64ER22-1.

You are reminded that you may not begin to cultivate, process, or dispense marijuana until you receive the appropriate authorizations from the Department as required by Emergency Rule 64ER21-10.

Should you have any questions, please contact ommulicenseoperation@flhealth.gov.

Sincerely,

Christopher Kimball

Christopher Kimball
Director
Office of Medical Marijuana Use

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

A party whose substantial interest is affected by this agency action may petition for an administrative hearing pursuant to sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. A petition must be filed in writing and must be in conformance with Rule 28-106.201, 28-106.2015, or 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code, as applicable. The petition must be in writing and received by the Agency Clerk for the Department within 21 days from receipt of this notice. The petition must be submitted by one of the following delivery methods:

By Mail:
Agency Clerk, Florida Department of Health
4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN #A-02
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1703;

By Hand Delivery:
Agency Clerk, Florida Department of Health
2585 Merchants Row Blvd.
Prather Building
Tallahassee, Florida;

By facsimile: 850-413-8743; or

By E-Filing: https://agency_clerk-fdh.mycusthelp.com/WEBAPP/_rs/supporthome.aspx?&lp=3

Mediation is not available.

Failure to file a petition within 21 days shall constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing on this agency action. If this notice becomes a Final Order, an adversely affected party is entitled to judicial review pursuant to section 120.68, Florida Statutes. The Florida Rules of Appellate procedure govern review proceedings. Review is initiated by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Final Order, a Notice of Appeal with the appropriate Court of Appeal in the appropriate District Court, accompanied by the filing fees required by law, and filing a copy of the Notice of Appeal with the Agency Clerk, Department of Health.