

PROGRAM UPDATES

MERGING OF THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Many have noticed that the Center for Medical Cannabis (CMC) recently changed its logo that appears at the bottom of emails. This is because the Department of Health is merging with the Department of Human Services to become one single agency: the Department of Health and Human Services. The change was prompted by the Utah Legislature's passing of H.B. 365 State Agency Realignment during the 2022 General Legislative Session. Preparation for this merge began several months ago and all legal documents will reflect the change after the official statutory merge deadline of July 1, 2022. This consolidation of the state's social and health services under one single state agency will help improve delivery of critical services to Utah's underserved and marginalized communities. Go [here](#) to learn more about the merging of these two departments.

PRESENTATIONS TO GROUPS OF MEDICAL PROVIDERS

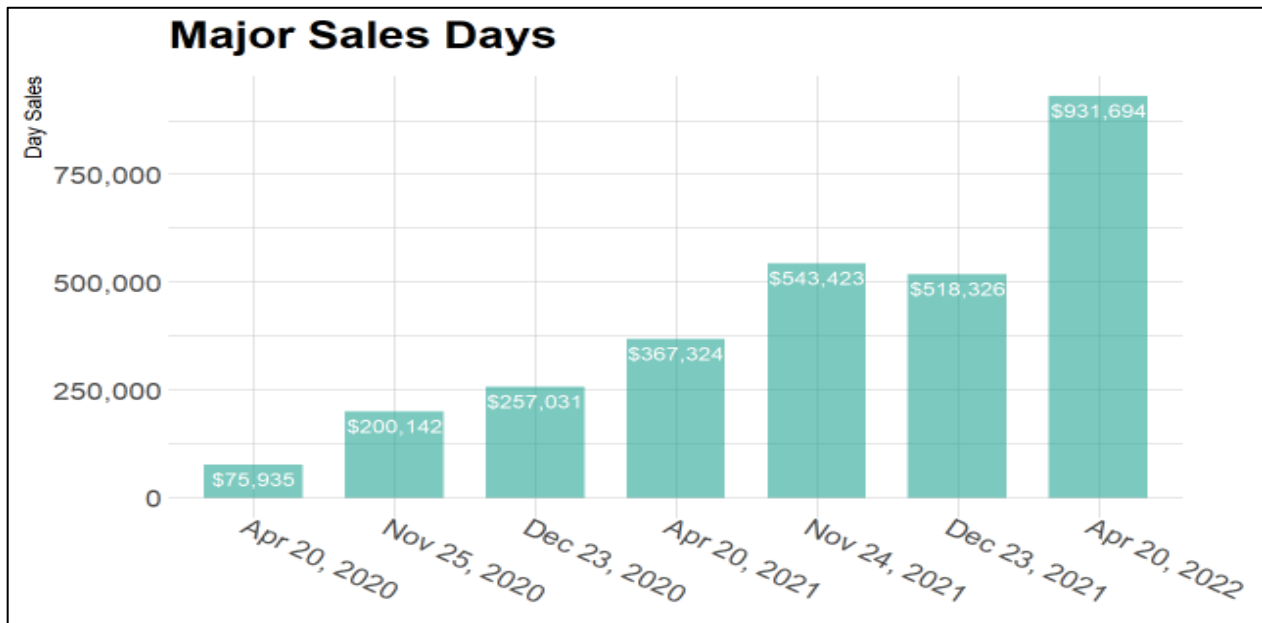
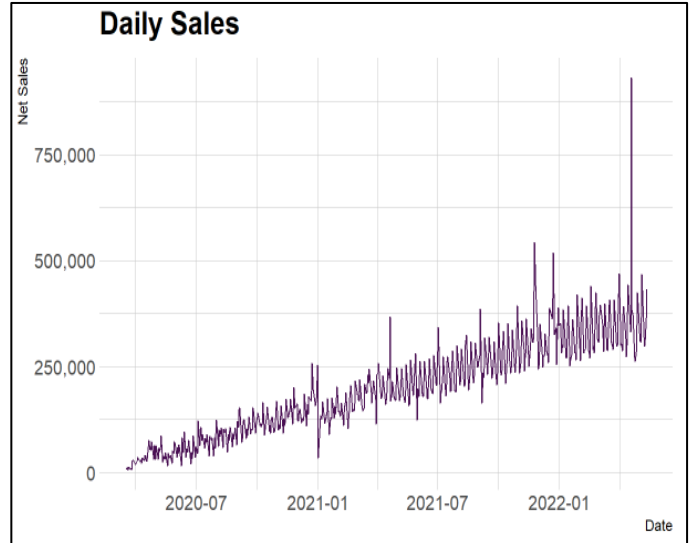
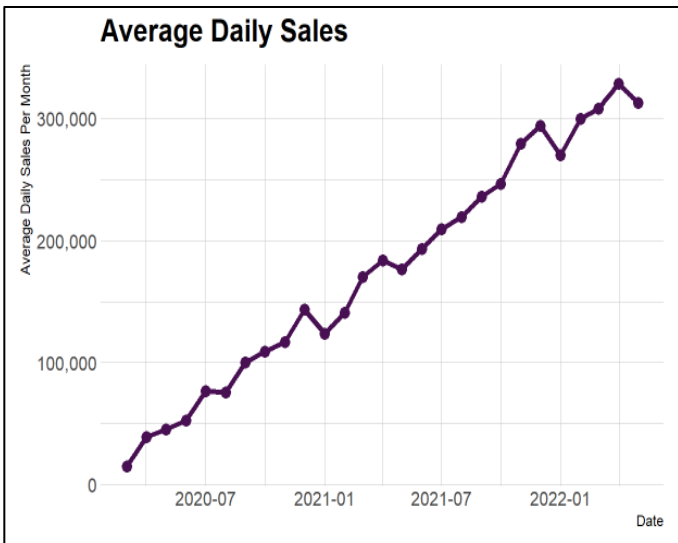
Many know that the Center for Medical Cannabis regularly presents to groups of medical providers to help them better understand how to participate in Utah's medical cannabis program. In the past two months, the CMC presented to the Ogden Surgical Medical Society and to students in the University of Utah Nurse Practitioner program. If you know of groups of medical providers who may be interested in learning more about the program, please invite them to contact the CMC at medicalcannabis@utah.gov.

IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO THE ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION SYSTEM (EVS)

Several changes to the electronic verification system (EVS) are scheduled to go live by the end of June 2022. Changes include creation of the pharmacy agent so a pharmacy agent working in a medical cannabis pharmacy has access to information stored in the EVS, adding acute pain as a qualifying condition, and updating the medical provider's certification/recommendation fields. These changes are intended to help pharmacies provide efficient and helpful service to patients and increase responsible access to medical cannabis as a treatment option.

HIGHEST MEDICAL CANNABIS SALES DAY IN UTAH WAS APRIL 20, 2022

No surprise here but data collected by the Center for Medical Cannabis confirms that April 20, 2022 was Utah's highest ever single day of legal medical cannabis sales. April 20th Sales in 2022 saw a 154% increase from the same date in 2021 and a 71% increase from the next largest sales day ever - Black Friday of 2021.



PUBLIC NOTICES

CANNABIS RESEARCH REVIEW BOARD MEETING

The Cannabis Research Review Board (CRRB), previously named Cannabinoid Product Board (CPB), will meet on June 14, 2022, at 9 a.m. MST via online conference. Zoom Web Access Zoom Web Access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83222618793>. Meeting ID: 832 2261 8793.

Cannabis Research Review Board Minutes and Recordings are available [via this link](#).

UTAH ADMINISTRATIVE RULE AMENDMENTS IMPACTING MEDICAL CANNABIS PHARMACIES MADE EFFECTIVE

Rule amendments to Utah Administrative Code R380-406 Medical Cannabis Pharmacies recently became effective. These amendments are now posted [here](#) on the Center for Medical Cannabis website.

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