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Colorado Natural Medicine Division to Host Public Listening Sessions for Input on Regulatory Rulemaking

Lakewood, Colo. – Aug. 29 – The Colorado Department of Revenue's Natural Medicine Division is pleased to announce a series of upcoming Listening Sessions, set to begin on September 5th, aimed at engaging stakeholders and the public in shaping the regulatory framework for natural medicine facilities in the state that the DOR is responsible for implementing.

The Listening Sessions represent the Department of Revenue's commitment to transparent and inclusive rulemaking. The Natural Medicine Division aims to gather insights and perspectives from interested parties to inform the creation of comprehensive regulations that will be adopted through a formal rulemaking process in 2024. The sessions will focus on various key discussion topics related to the cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, testing, storage, transportation, transfer, and dispensation/administration of regulated natural medicines in Colorado.

"We believe it is critical to involve the community in the process of standing up a new program for natural medicine that reflects a diversity of perspectives. Through our regulatory experience, we have learned that a key factor is collaborating with all stakeholders. These Listening Sessions will provide a platform for all voices to be heard to ensure the adopted framework is balanced and well-informed," said Dominique Mendiola, Senior Director of the Colorado Natural Medicine Division.

The Listening Sessions schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 5, 11 a.m. - noon: SB 23-290 Overview & Introduction to Natural Medicine Division.
- Sept. 12, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.: First & Multi Responder Trainings.
- Sept. 22, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.: Public Education Campaigns.
- Sept. 27, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Testing Program.
- Oct. 3, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Cultivation & Manufacturing Practices.

Detailed agendas and access information for each session will be made available on the [Natural Medicine Division's official website](#) ahead of the respective meeting dates.

Stakeholders, experts, and interested parties are encouraged to actively participate in the sessions. Those who possess information to share on the mentioned topics and who wish to present during a Listening Session are invited to contact Allison Robinette at allison.robinette@state.co.us.

About the Natural Medicine Division

The establishment of the Natural Medicine Division follows the enactment of [SB23-290](#), which entrusted the Department of Revenue with the responsibility to regulate and license various aspects of natural medicine practices in Colorado. The Division will collaborate closely with the Division of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) and the Natural Medicine Advisory Board, facilitated by DORA, to develop robust rules and processes.

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