Terms

- **Cannabinoid** – Any of the 113 chemical compounds that act on the endocannabinoid system in cells that alter neurotransmitter release in the brain.

- **Cannabis** – The scientific genus of the plant commonly referred to as “marijuana”.

- **Caregiver** – Persons who cultivate, manufacture, and/or purvey cannabis for medical purposes.

- **CBD** – “Cannabidiol”, a non-psychoactive cannabis compound claimed to confer medicinal benefits, may be derived from hemp.

- **Concentrate** – Cannabis that has been processed through distillation, extraction, or other means into a highly potent form. The various forms are referred to as budder, dabs, honey, oil, shatter, and tincture, among other forms and names, and can be incorporated into food or “edibles”.

- **Cultivation** – The planting, propagation, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, trimming or similar processing of marijuana for use or sale. "Cultivation" or "cultivate" does not include manufacturing, testing or marijuana extraction.

- **Dispensary** – The first legal medical retail stores in Maine. Originally 8 were licensed by the state, with 6 additional authorized by law to come online now and an unlimited number allowed after 2021.

- **Manufacturing** – The production, blending, infusing, concentrating, extracting, compounding or other preparation after cultivation and prior to sale to consumer.
- **Marijuana** – The common and legal term for the plant, seen as derogatory by many.

- **THC** – “Tetrahydrocannabinol”, a psychoactive cannabis compound.

- **Dabbing / Vaping** – Consumption via inhaling a vapor of concentrate.

- **State Agencies** –
  
  - **DACF** – Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Responsible for hemp regulation, including CBD derived from hemp.
  
  - **DAFS** – Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services. The agency which houses OMP.
  
  - **OMP** – Maine Office of Marijuana Policy. The office or bureau within DAFS that regulates both the adult use and medical marijuana programs for the state.

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