



Cannabis Control Division

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Executive Order “INCREASING MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND CANNABIDIOL RESEARCH” Issued by the White House on December 18, 2025

The Cannabis Control Division (CCD) and the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department are closely monitoring federal actions related to the executive order titled “Increasing Medical Marijuana and Cannabidiol Research” issued on December 18, 2025, by the White House, including the potential future reclassification of cannabis under the Controlled Substances Act.

While federal discussions regarding cannabis scheduling reflect evolving perspectives on research and medical use, the precise implications for New Mexico’s regulated cannabis industry, and for state regulated markets nationwide, remains uncertain at this time.

New Mexico cannabis businesses may benefit from certain federal tax or research-related changes if reclassification occurs, including potential impacts related to Internal Revenue Code Section 280E. At the same time, it is not yet clear how any federal changes would intersect with New Mexico’s existing statutory and regulatory framework governing cannabis production, distribution and sales.

We will continue to carefully review federal developments, including the newly signed executive order and any regulations or guidance that may follow, to assess their relevance and alignment with New Mexico's laws.

The CCD remains committed to administering and enforcing New Mexico's cannabis regulations, while keeping licensees and the public informed as additional clarity becomes available.

To learn more about this executive order and its potential implications please see the following resources linked below:

- [Link to Executive Order](#)
- [CANNRA Briefing On Schedule III December 2025](#)

New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department

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