DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED RULE:
The proposed rule amendments provide the same requirements set forth in the rules of the Oklahoma Department of Health for maintenance of records, reports, and inventory tracking. The proposed rule amendments also allow quantitative and qualitative analysis to be conducted on samples. Samples no longer have to be anonymous.

PERSONS MOST LIKELY AFFECTED:
Registrants with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control who have obtained a Schedule I medical marijuana registration and medical marijuana consumers.

PERSONS BENEFITTING FROM PROPOSED RULES:
Registrants with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control who have obtained a Schedule I medical marijuana registration and persons issued a medical marijuana license will benefit from the emergency rule changes.

PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT:
None

PROBABLE COSTS/BENEFITS TO AGENCIES:
The proposed emergency rule changes will not subject State agencies to any additional costs.

IMPACT UPON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:
The proposed emergency rule changes have no economic impact upon political subdivisions, nor does it require any cooperation or effort from them to implement.

IMPACT UPON SMALL BUSINESS:
The proposed emergency rule changes may have an economic impact upon small businesses that conduct scientific analysis with controlled dangerous substances by allowing qualitative and quantitative analysis to be conducted on said substances.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS AND MEANS:
There are no less intrusive means of achieving the goals of the proposed emergency rules, which provide clarification as to requirements to be met by Schedule I medical marijuana registrants, permit qualitative and quantitative analysis of controlled dangerous substances, and allow that samples no longer need to be anonymous.

EFFECTS UPON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT:
The proposed emergency rules have no environmental impact. The public’s health and safety will benefit from the emergency rule changes by setting forth clear requirements Schedule I medical marijuana registrants must follow and allowing qualitative and quantitative analysis of
controlled dangerous substances, including Schedule I medical marijuana, to determine concentration of substances. This will allow Schedule I medical marijuana registrants and consumers to make better-informed decisions.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS IN ABSENCE OF RULES:

In the absence of the rule amendments, Schedule I medical marijuana retailers, growers, processors, packagers, and manufacturers will be subject to conflicting administrative rules when it comes to maintenance of records, reports, and inventory tracking. Without the rule amendments, registrants will not have an avenue to conduct quantitative analysis on medical marijuana, ultimately hindering the consumer.

DATE OF PREPARATION OF RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

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