

## **Accurate Biometrics' 50 Illinois Locations Gearing Up to Provide Fingerprint Services for Next Wave of Medical Marijuana Patient Applicants**

*Illinois' leading livescan fingerprint provider playing a key role in medical marijuana pilot program implementation*

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**Chicago** -- Accurate Biometrics, Illinois' largest providers of livescan fingerprint capture and transmission services, is readying its 50+ Illinois for an anticipated influx of patients who are completing their applications to become eligible recipients of medical marijuana under the Illinois pilot program.

Beginning November 1, the State began receiving its second batch of applications from Illinois residents. Earlier this year, it accepted applications from patients whose last name started with A-L. To date, Accurate Biometrics has fingerprinted nearly 1,300 customers as part of the State's medical marijuana pilot program. Those customers include potential patients, caregivers, dispensers and growers.

Under the pilot program rules, applicants seeking certification to legally access medical marijuana are required to undergo an Illinois State Police criminal background check. The Illinois State Police uses fingerprints to verify the identity of applicants and perform the background check. Accurate Biometrics' technicians collect and process and transmit prints from applicants to the Illinois State Police.

“While Accurate Biometrics is proud to serve customers who are seeking certification in the State's medical marijuana pilot program, we are equally proud to play a role in ensuring that the

implementation of the law is done efficiently and with the utmost integrity,” said Accurate Biometrics President Peggy Critchfield.

In anticipation of a significant increase in the number of medical marijuana card applicants, Accurate Biometrics’ personnel will monitor activity at each of its locations and deploy technicians where they’re needed most. The company understands that getting fingerprinted may be an entirely new experience for many applicants. That’s why it is aiming to make the process convenient, fast and simple.

“Everything we’re doing is to make the process easy on our customers. Gathering and transmitting fingerprints via our Livescan devices only takes minutes. Customers do not need to make appointments weeks in advance. They just need to show up at any of our locations and we’ll walk them through the process, start to finish,” said Accurate Biometrics’ executive vice president Jim Critchfield.

The company has a page on its website (<http://accuratebiometrics.com/medical-marijuana.html>) with simple, yet important instructions for patients and caregivers who need to get fingerprinted.

Customers must bring a valid, government-issued photo ID and a credit card or money order. Upon completing the process, fingerprints will be transmitted to the Illinois State Police. Customers will receive a computer-generated receipt, which must be provided to the State as proof that applicants were fingerprinted.

And, just recently, Medical Cannabis Pilot Program officials announced that it will continue to accept applicants from those with last names starting with A-L. So, in effect, applications for all patients are being received as of November 1.

The company is well equipped and has the experience to manage the expected increase in traffic at its locations. Just last year, it processed 115,000 customers for various employment and licensing purposes. Additionally, it serves as the only source of fingerprinting to facilitate

background checks for dozens of City of Chicago and State of Illinois agencies in addition to scores of private businesses.

### **About Accurate Biometrics**

Headquartered in Chicago, Accurate Biometrics, a leader in livescan fingerprinting, provides fingerprint capture and transmission services to Federal and state government agencies as well as public sector businesses.

Accurate Biometrics is a Woman-Owned Certified Illinois Small Business and an Illinois Certified Female Business Enterprise under the Business Enterprise Program. Accurate Biometrics is a service corporation that has been in business since 2000, dedicated to providing fingerprint based background checks and identity services to public and private sector agencies and organizations.

Accurate Biometrics has more than 50 livescan fingerprinting locations throughout Illinois. It also serves customers in California, Florida, New York, Colorado and Maryland.

Accurate Biometrics is one of just 19 corporations designated as an FBI-approved channeler. As an FBI-approved channeler, Accurate Biometrics provides fingerprint transmission directly to the FBI.