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**Compassionate Certification Centers®  
Offers Leafless Medical Cannabis Investor Opportunities  
Opening New Doors for Stakeholders After Post-License Loss**

PITTSBURGH – (July 24, 2017) -- Cannabis dispensary and cultivation licenses are competitive and costly, leaving many entrepreneurs without a license despite having the capital and competency to start a business.

Compassionate Certification Centers® (CCC), a national healthcare network, provides investors with the infrastructure to license and operate leafless patient certification centers.

“Thousands of individuals and groups are losing out in state licensing processes, but have the expertise, framework, and cash flow to be involved in the industry. Our patient centers supply additional investor options to meet a sought-after industry demand,” said Compassionate Certification Centers COO, Melonie Kotchey.

In Maryland, 144 companies applied for 15 marijuana cultivation licenses and in Pennsylvania there were 500 submissions for 27 dispensary licenses. Application criteria and scoring aside, Maryland cultivators were looking at a 10.4% acceptance rate and Pennsylvania dispensary applicants were facing odds twice as difficult at 5.4%.

Those numbers are slightly higher than Stanford University’s 5.1% freshmen acceptance rate, and just below Harvard’s 6%, the two most selective U.S. colleges in the country.

The innovative CCC program fills an industry void for those who have not won a license or wish to avoid the process altogether.

The physician-owned and led company encourages people from all backgrounds to enter the medical cannabis sector, which is projected to grow from \$4.7 billion in 2016, to \$13.3 billion in 2020, according to recently published information from New Frontier Data.

Compassionate Certification Centers is currently accepting investors and physician applications to work in their centers. A growing list of patients are calling to get in line and be seen at one of the nearly 20 centers that will be located throughout Pennsylvania.

Providers who work for CCC, undergo a comprehensive vetting process, and receive the most up-to-date, accurate, and technologically advanced resources and training to start a medical cannabis certification center.

Patients who are seen receive the most technologically advanced diagnostic certification by caring doctors who understand the process.

“You can’t put all of your eggs in one basket to chase a license, there is a post-license plan for those who truly want to enter the industry. We help people take the first step in the right direction, so they don’t take 20 steps the wrong way,” said Russ Cersosimo, Founder of the Pennsylvania Medical Cannabis Society (PAMCS).

Compassionate Certification Centers is the organizing company behind the World Medical Cannabis Conference & Expo®. The second annual event will take place April 12-14, 2018, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh.

For information visit [compassionatecertificationcenters.com](http://compassionatecertificationcenters.com), or call 888-316-9085.

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### **About Compassionate Certification Centers®**

Compassionate Certification Centers™, a Syndikos Investments, LLC portfolio brand is based in Delaware and Pennsylvania. The company provides individuals and organizations the resources and ability to license, operate and independently own medical marijuana patient certification centers, backed by the brand and knowledge of physicians. The company is the developer of a unique patient portal and health care provider membership, as well as a full medical cannabis directory. For information, visit [compassionatecertificationcenters.com](http://compassionatecertificationcenters.com) or join the discussion at Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Google+.

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