UPDATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2026 | CLARIFICATION PENDING

DEA's Policy Section has provided a further response addressing direct manufacturer-to-dispensary transfers. We have asked Policy and Media Affairs to clarify how their responses fit together. The correspondence below should not be treated as confirmation that a particular direct-delivery arrangement is permitted.

Full Policy response on page 2. Latest correspondence: knockwell.com

Knockwell Our question and DEA's reply

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1 / OUR QUESTION / NOVEMBER 12, 2026

Gmail Mohammad Ali <mo@knockwell.com>

Request for DEA comment on grower deliveries in Oklahoma

Mohammad Ali <mo@knockwell.com> Thu, Nov 12, 2026 at 12:26 PM
To: Dallas.Field.Division.PIO@dea.gov
Cc: DPY@dea.gov
Bcc: [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

I'm Mo Ali with Knockwell. We're writing a blog post for Oklahoma growers and dispensaries, and we'd appreciate a short comment we can quote from DEA.

One question keeps coming up: If an Oklahoma grower is on DEA's timely applicant list as a medical marijuana manufacturer and has an application control number, can its employees deliver what it grows directly to an Oklahoma dispensary while the application is pending? If a separate distributor is required, does that distributor need an approved registration, or is a timely distributor application sufficient?

We'd also like to clarify whether the answer changes once the grower's manufacturer registration is approved, and what documentation a dispensary should look for before accepting a delivery.

If you can point us to written guidance and let us know how to attribute your response, that would be a big help.

Thank you,
Mo Ali
Knockwell

2 / DEA'S REPLY / NOVEMBER 17, 2026

Gmail Mohammad Ali <mo@knockwell.com>

Request for DEA comment on grower deliveries in Oklahoma

DEAPress <DEAPress@dea.gov> Tue, Nov 17, 2026 at 2:58 PM
To: "mo@knockwell.com" <mo@knockwell.com>
Cc: [redacted]ez@dea.gov>

Hello –

Please refer to the 'Timely Applicants Informational Letter' available on the DEA Diversion website. A timely applicant may transfer medical marijuana to any other timely applicant to the degree allowed by their state laws.

Best,

DEA Media Affairs

[Quoted text hidden]

Original question and substantive reply. Intervening follow-ups omitted. Staff contact details and internal logging address redacted; email wording otherwise unchanged. Circle and highlighting added by Knockwell.

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DEA informational letter

Policy Section response | November 18, 2026

From: DPY@dea.gov | To: mo@knockwell.com | 3:41 p.m. Eastern
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Request for DEA comment on grower deliveries in Oklahoma

Verbatim transcript, paragraph spacing normalized. Quoted prior correspondence and attached original inquiry omitted. This is not an email screenshot.

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Diversion Control Division, Policy Section (DPY). We appreciate your patience and the opportunity to address your concerns.

As a general matter, it is DEA's longstanding policy not to provide legal advice to regulated entities, government partners, or the public. To comply with the Administrative Procedure Act and ensure fairness, DEA's interpretations of the law and regulations, as well as its guidance materials, are published in the Federal Register and/or on DEA's Diversion Control Division website, which allows all members of the general public to have equal access to such information. At the same time, DEA recognizes the importance of working with regulated entities and members of the public to help guide them toward compliance with the law and regulations. DEA's response to your inquiry must be limited to directing your attention to the pertinent provisions of the law, regulations, or other publicly disseminated documents issued by DEA. Along those lines, DEA can provide general information. Please be advised that this is not meant to be an exhaustive list of every statutory provision or regulation that might apply to your inquiry.

Your previous inquiry of November 12, 2026, is attached. From your attached inquiry and your follow-up below, it appears you are inquiring about the permissible activities of a medical marijuana manufacturer (e.g., Grower or Processor).

"If an Oklahoma grower is on DEA's timely applicant list as a medical marijuana manufacturer and has an application control number, can its employees deliver what it grows directly to an Oklahoma dispensary while the application is pending?" Please review the Timely Applicants Information Letter for permissible activities allowed. Lastly, The federal regulations found here 21 CFR 1301.13(k)(1)(i) through (v) do not outline the transfer of medical marijuana from a medical marijuana manufacturer directly to a medical marijuana dispensary.

Your compliance with federal regulations and the Controlled Substances Act, is appreciated.

Best regards,

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Policy Section (DPY)
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