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Clifton S. Otto, M.D. Retina Institute of Hawaii 1620 Ala Moana Blvd., Suite 500 Honolulu, HI 96815

Dear Dr. Otto:

This is in response to your correspondence dated January 24, 2012 requesting a copy of the Hawaii Department of Health's Administrative Rules relating to Hawaii's Medical Marijuana Program.

At present, the Department of Health has not finalized any rules per Chapter 329-121, HRS, which allows the Department to approve "debilitating medical conditions" in response to a request from a physician or qualifying patient that would be eligible under the State' Medical Marijuana Program.

If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 586-4410 or the Office of Planning, Policy, and Program Development which coordinates Hawaii Administrative Rules activities for the Department of Health at 586-4188.

Sincerely,

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