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DIRECTIVE: JOB CORPS PROGRAM INSTRUCTION NOTICE NO. 19-06

TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF
 ALL JOB CORPS REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF
 ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS
 ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS
 ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS
 ALL OUTREACH, ADMISSIONS, AND CTS CONTRACTORS
 ALL CENTER USERS

FROM: DEBRA A. CARR 
 Acting National Director
 Office of Job Corps

SUBJECT: Possession and Use of Cannabidiol (CBD)-Containing Products by Job
 Corps Students

1. Purpose. To provide updated information about CBD-containing products and guidance for dealing with these products on Job Corps centers.
2. Background. Both the hemp and the marijuana plants contain a compound known as CBD. Products containing CBD are commercially marketed online for health and medicinal purposes. CBD is not a psychoactive substance, unlike Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the active ingredient in marijuana and would not cause a positive drug test. CBD hemp oil, CBD oil, and CBD-based edible products are widespread on the internet. Manufacturers of CBD-containing products claim that they are legal in all 50 states, as they do not contain psychoactive THC.

In April 2019, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) changed the status of CBD products and clarified that CBD does not fall under the Controlled Substance Act (CSA) as long as there is no THC in the product.¹ This revision occurred after the DEA indicated CBD products were considered “marijuana extracts” and covered by the CSA in January 2017, resulting in the National Office issuing Information Notice 16-35 stating that possession of CBD products was a violation Job Corps’ zero tolerance policy.

3. Action. Job Corps students are permitted to possess CBD-containing products as long as they do not contain THC, and possession of these products is not a violation of Job Corps’ zero-tolerance policy.

Addressees are to ensure that this Program Instruction Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.

¹ Drug Enforcement Administration Clarification of the New Drug Code (7350) for Marijuana Extract, retrieved online November 22, 2019 from https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/schedules/marijuana/m_extract_7350.html

4. Expiration Date. Until superseded.

5. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to Cassandra Thomas at thomas.cassandra@dol.gov.