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The Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission will meet Wednesday and then is expected to start awarding dispensary licenses... finally. The Commission has come under criticism for foot-dragging because no vendors have been licensed and no patients served 26 months after voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow it. But Governor Asa Hutchinson is defending the commission's timeframe...

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“...BACK ON TRACK.”

The state Department of Health announced last week it will begin issuing user ID cards in February, before the first dispensaries open. In his radio address this weekend, Hutchinson warned against taking the ID cards to neighboring Oklahoma to buy medical marijuana and transporting it back to Arkansas. The former administrator of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration said that would violate both state and federal law.

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After delays of more than two years, the process for initiating sales of medical marijuana in Arkansas seems to be picking up. Wednesday, the state Medical Marijuana Commission will review an evaluation of applications for the first 32 dispensary licenses, and those selected could be up and running by April, two-and-a-half years after voters approved the constitutional amendment. The commission's meeting will come just days after the state Health Department made the surprise announcement it will begin issuing ID cards to the seven-thousand approved users in February. Dispensaries opened in neighboring Oklahoma New Year's Day, and Governor Asa Hutchinson is concerned about that state issuing temporary permits to out-of-state patients...

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“...ACROSS THE STATE LINE.”

Hutchinson issued the cautionary warning in his weekly radio address this weekend.