

Montana Medical Marijuana Act From SB 423 to I-182 and SB 333

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Background

The 2011 Legislature repealed Montana's Medical Marijuana Act and replaced it with Senate Bill 423 to create the Montana Marijuana Act. That law put in place more stringent requirements and was immediately challenged in court.

Key provisions of SB 423 were on hold until Aug. 31, 2016, while the lawsuit made its way through the court system. The Montana Supreme Court upheld all challenged provisions of the law last year except the ban on compensation for marijuana products.

Then in November 2016, voters approved Initiative 182. The initiative removed many of the stricter requirements that SB 423 had placed on the program. It also changed the name of the law back to the Montana Medical Marijuana Act.

The 2017 Legislature made additional changes to the initiative by passing SB 333. That bill created more detailed regulations, allowed for additional chemical manufacturing of marijuana products, and created a tax on gross sales.

Changes to the MMA Over Time

This briefing paper uses a series of graphics on the following pages to illustrate the metamorphosis of the law over the last six years in the following topic areas:

- cardholder requirements;
- provider requirements;
- testing laboratory requirements;
- regulatory matters; and
- funding of the program.

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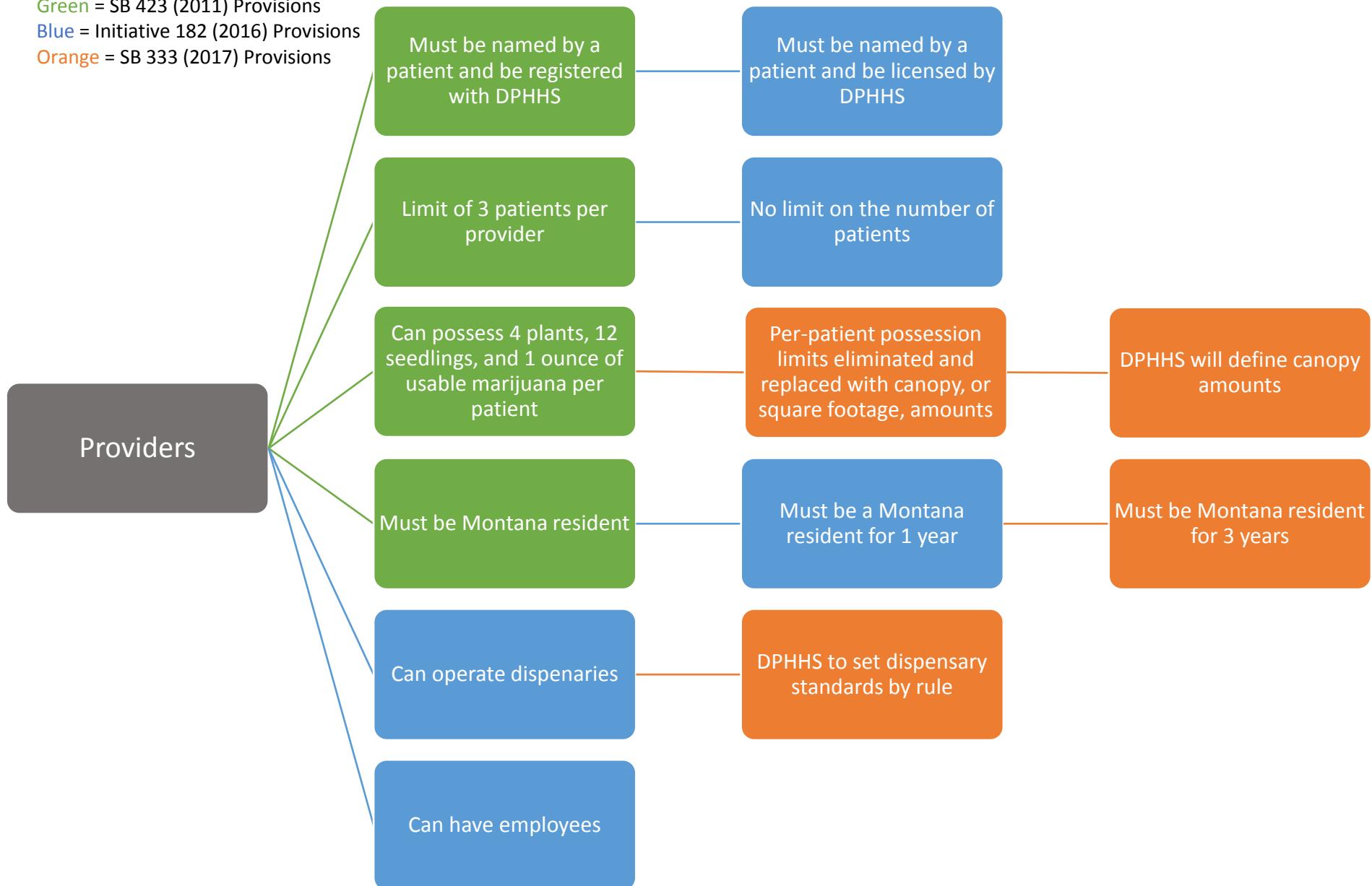
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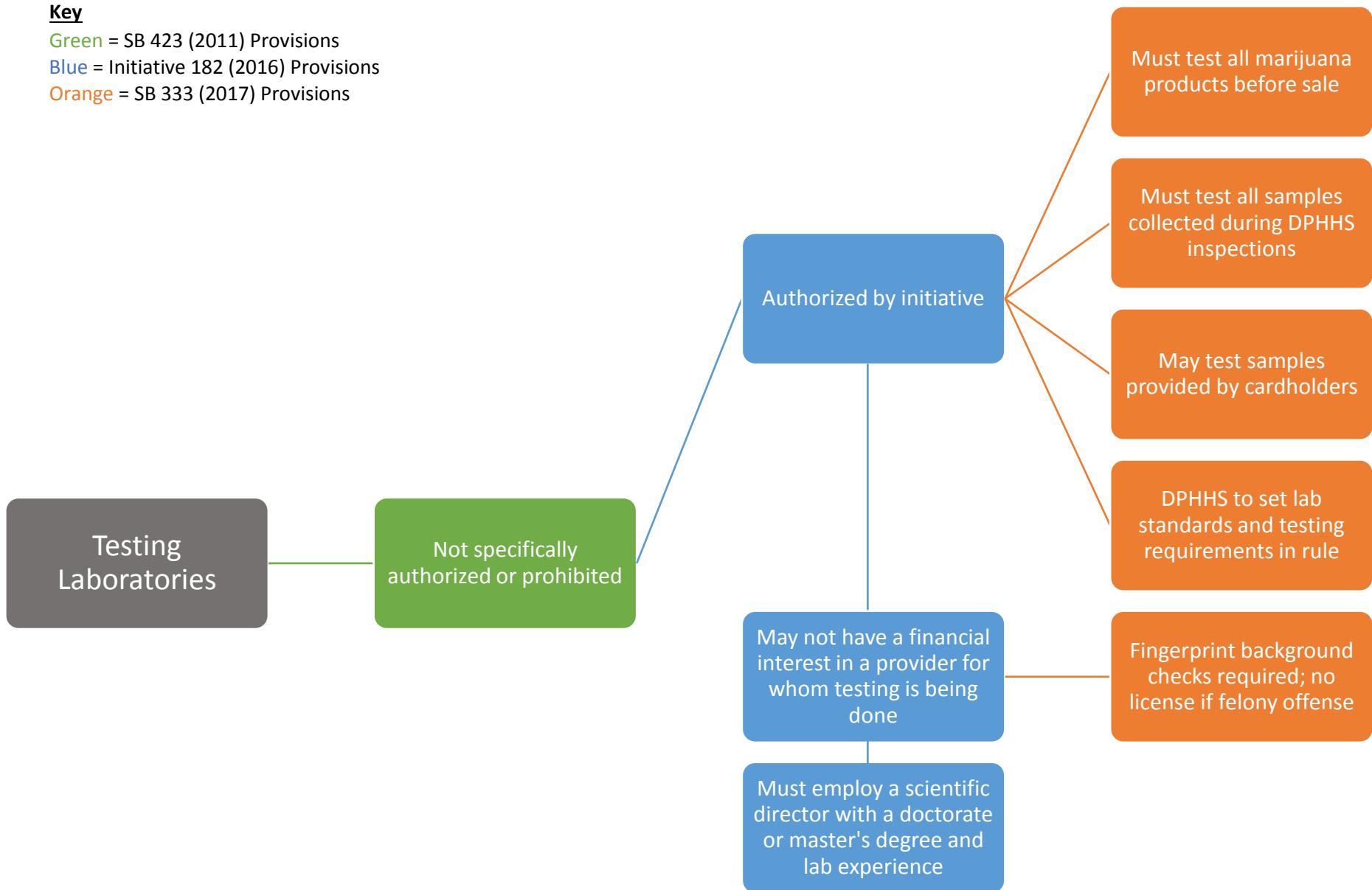


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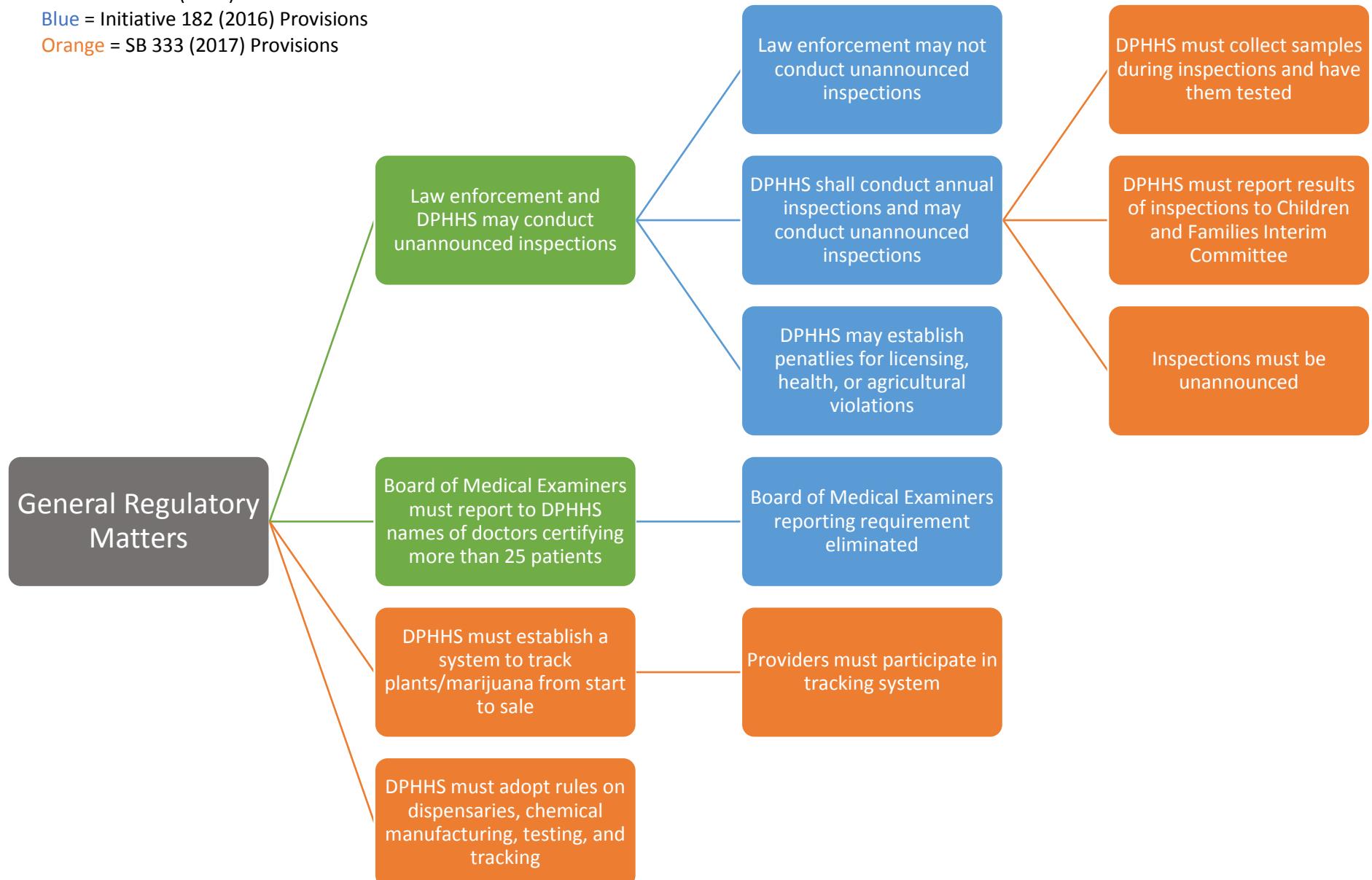


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