

**TITLE:** Creating the nation's first regulatory framework for psilocybin services

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**ABSTRACT:** Ballot Measure 109 (M109), also known as the Oregon Psilocybin Services Act, was voted into law by Oregonians in November 2020. M109 directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to license and regulate psilocybin products and the provision of psilocybin services. Psilocybin is a psychedelic compound that occurs naturally in over 200 species of mushrooms and has been used for centuries by various indigenous and tribal communities throughout the world for spiritual, ceremonial, and other purposes. Research suggests that psilocybin may help reduce depression, anxiety, trauma-related disorders, and problematic alcohol and tobacco use. The Oregon Psilocybin Services Section is in the development phase of implementing M109 and will begin accepting applications for licensure on January 2, 2023. At that time, Oregon will become the first state in the nation to have a regulatory framework for psilocybin services. Come learn about this ground-breaking journey, as we shift from a drug policy framework rooted in the "War on Drugs" to a health policy approach that holds promise for transformation and healing.

**OBJECTIVE(S):** Describe how OHA is implementing the Oregon Psilocybin Act and how people can engage in the process Explain how people will soon be able to access psilocybin services in Oregon List the new professional opportunities emerging in this sector Discuss the challenges and opportunities with creating the nation's first regulatory framework for psilocybin services

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