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Cannabis Payment Flexibility Rule Evaluation

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Rule Background

- On October 26th, 2024 the “***Cannabis Payment Flexibility***” rule took effect
 - Checks used as payment for cannabis must be sent, mailed, or delivered no more than one business day following cannabis delivery
 - Once received, it must be deposited as soon as reasonably practical and no later than 5 business days after delivery
- Intended to make rules for paying with checks more consistent with rules for other payment methods
- Due to concerns raised during stakeholder feedback, a 1-year retrospective review was planned when adopting the rule



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Evaluation Method

- To evaluate this rule, we examined events recorded in the Electronic Notebook that were related to buying cannabis on credit using checks between Nov. 2023 and Oct. 2025

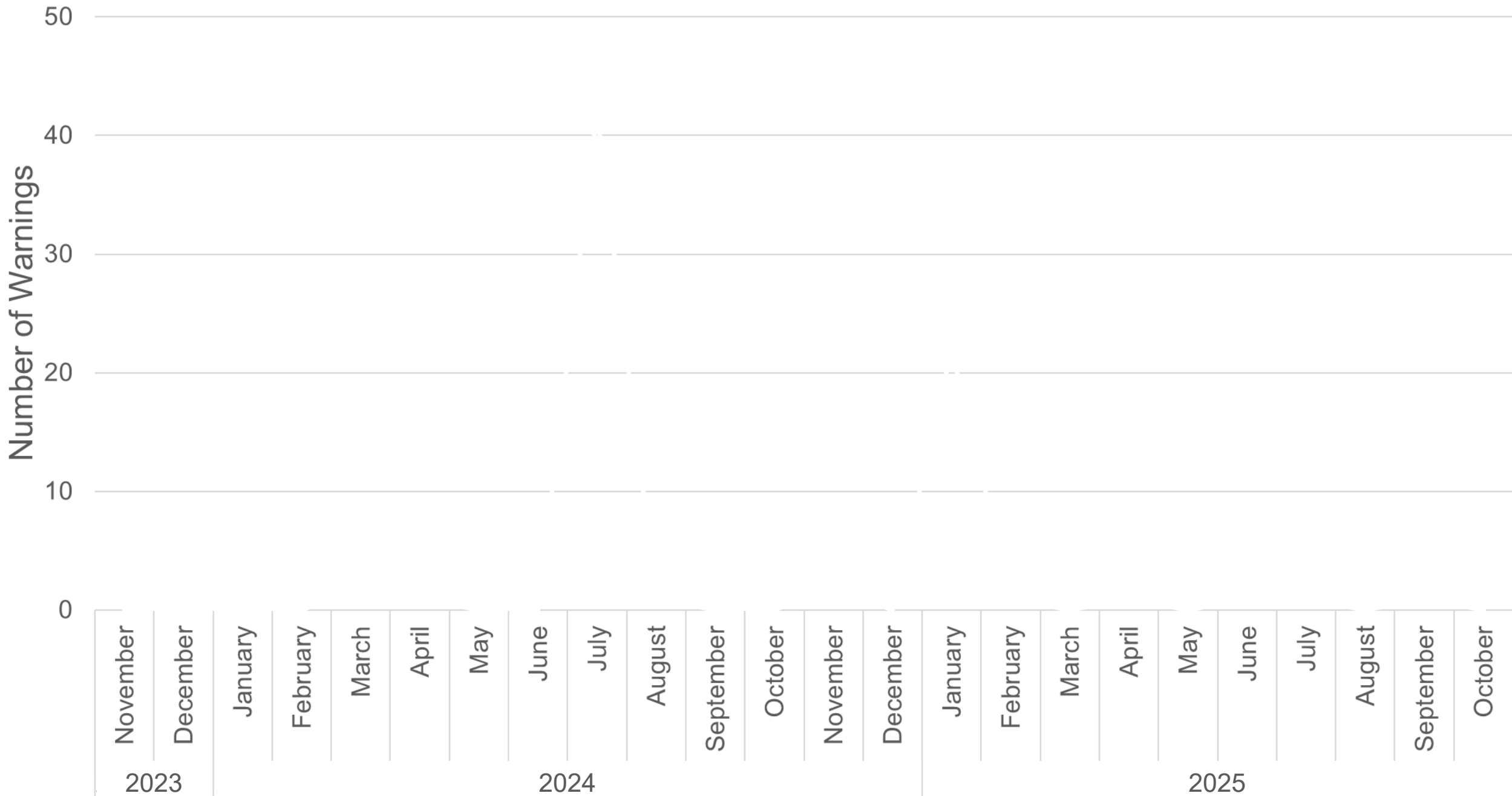
What Data We Included:

Violations

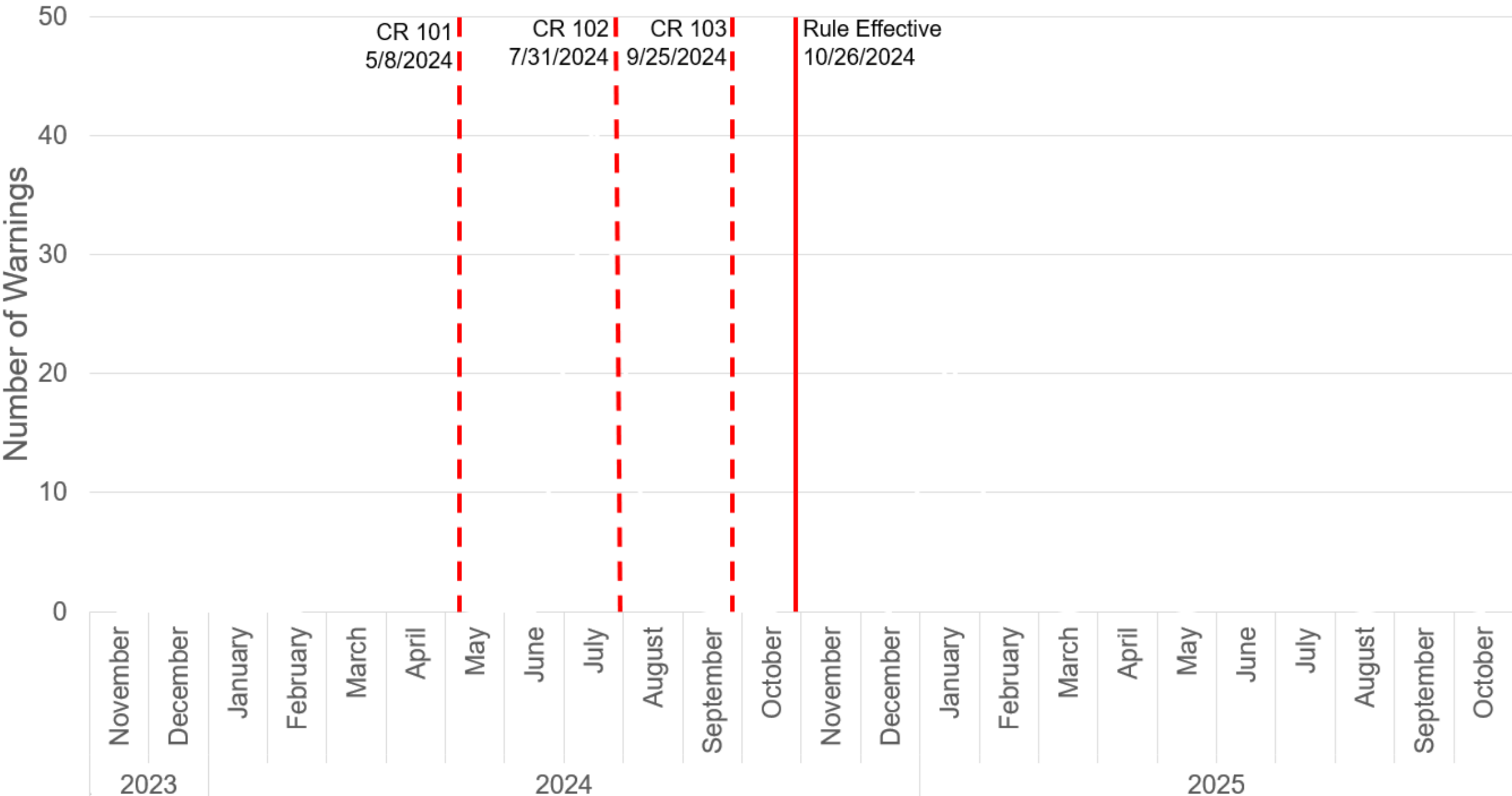
Warnings

External Complaints

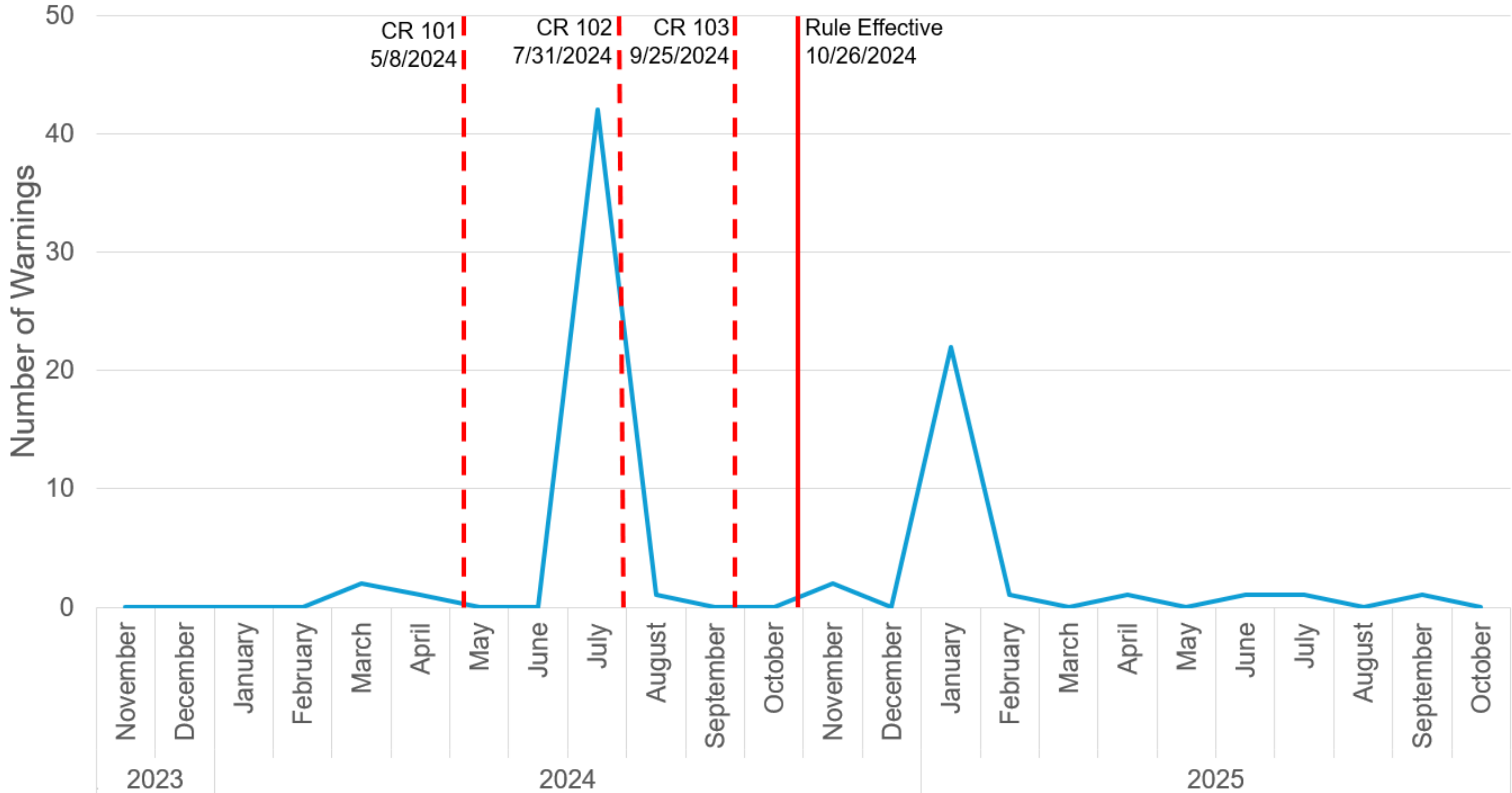
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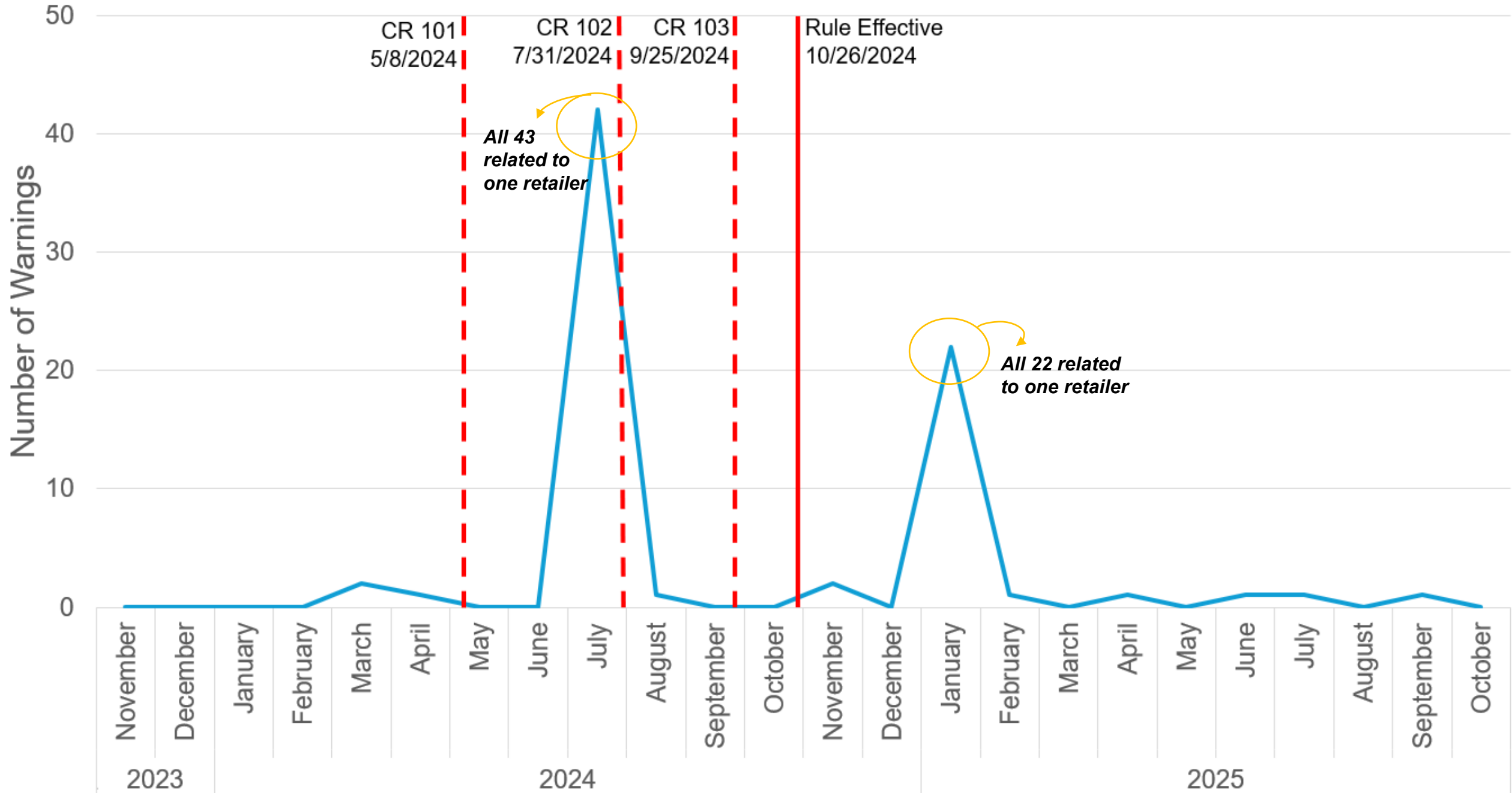
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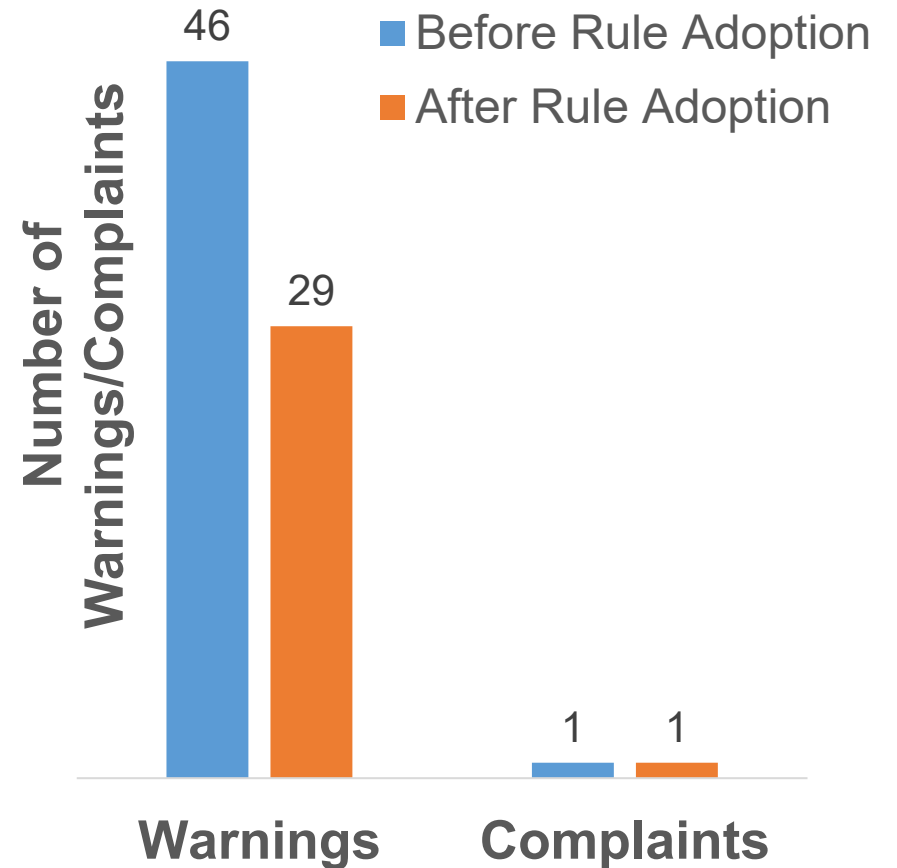
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Within evaluation window:

- There was a slight decline in the number of warnings that were issued following adoption of the new rule
- The number of external complaints remained consistent
- No violations given





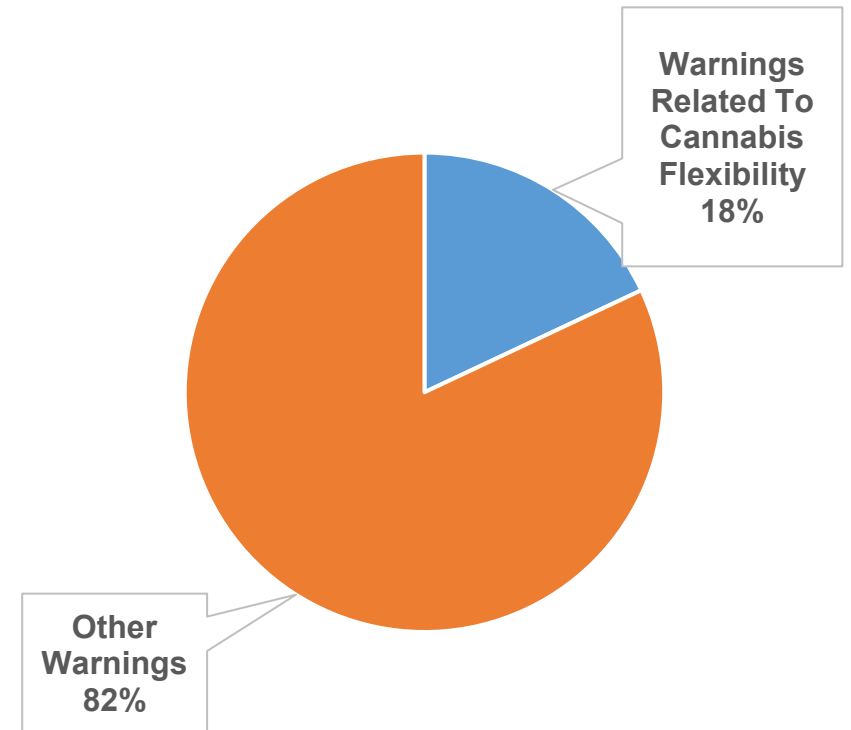
Important Caveat

- There were no violations given during evaluation time period
- However, in November (just outside of the evaluation window) there were 11 violations related to this rule



Conclusions and Next Steps

- We recommend a 24-month follow-up in one year to continue monitoring these trends
- Clear standard operating procedures and data governance protocols will assist with rule evaluations in the future





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Thank You!