



Photo Identification Requirements for Patients and Caregivers

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Authorize Use of Expired Identification for the Purpose of Medical Marijuana Patient/Caregiver Renewal

In order to address patient access and closures of BMVs around the state, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the following guidance to permit medical marijuana patients and caregivers to renew patient/caregiver registrations and recommendations using an expired method of identification under certain conditions.

This guidance is being issued in accordance with a Board resolution adopted on March 2, 2020.

To be considered valid, the patient or caregiver's identification must comply with the following:

- The identification must be one of the authorized forms under [rule 3796:7-2-01](#) of the Administrative Code.
- The method of identification expired on or after February 1, 2020 (see guidance on next page if method of identification expired prior to February 1, 2020).
- The patient/caregiver's information is still legible, including a recognizable image of the patient/caregiver.

This guidance shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Board.

Authorize Use of Birth Certificates as Acceptable Identification for Minor Patients

In order to address patient access and closures of BMVs around the state, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the following guidance to permit minors (i.e. those under the age of 18) to utilize a birth certificate to register as a medical marijuana patient.

The patient's birth certificate number (if applicable) or the last four digits of the patient's social security number preceded by the word BIRTH should be used in "State-Issued ID" drop down option of the patient registry. Therefore, entry into the system should read BIRTH 1234.

Dispensaries shall also be required to honor birth certificates and/or social security cards for minor patients, when presented along with the patient's card, as a form of identification to enter a dispensary and purchase medical marijuana.

This guidance is being issued in accordance with a Board resolution adopted on March 2, 2020.

This guidance shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Board. Minor patients will have to sixty days from the rescission of this guidance to obtain a valid form of photo identification as required by rule [3796:7-2-01](#) of the Administrative Code. The Board will provide notification upon the formal rescission of this guidance.

Authorize Use of Birth Certificates as Acceptable Identification for Patients with Expired Identification – UPDATED 4/1/2020

In order to address patient access and closures of BMVs around the state, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the following guidance to permit patients with expired forms of identification to utilize a birth certificate to register as a medical marijuana patient.

In addition to presenting a birth certificate, the patient must also present an expired identification the meets the following:

- o The identification must be one of the authorized forms under [rule 3796:7-2-01](#) of the Administrative Code.
- o The method of identification expired before February 1, 2020 (if expired on or after February 1, 2020, [see this guidance](#)).
- o The patient's information is still legible, including a recognizable image of the patient.

The patient must also have a caregiver with an unexpired authorized form of identification that is seeking a valid caregiver registration.

The patient's birth certificate number (if applicable) or the last four digits of the patient's social security number preceded by the word BIRTH should be used in "State-Issued ID" drop down option of the patient registry. Therefore, entry into the system should read BIRTH 1234.

Dispensaries shall also be required to honor birth certificates and/or social security cards, when presented along with the patient's card **and the expired form of photo identification that is one of the authorized forms under rule 3796:7-2-01 of the Administrative Code**, as a form of identification to enter a dispensary and purchase medical marijuana.

This guidance is being issued in accordance with a Board resolution adopted on March 2, 2020.

This guidance shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Board. Patients will have to sixty days from the rescission of this guidance to obtain a valid form of photo identification as required by rule [3796:7-2-01](#) of the Administrative Code. The Board will provide notification upon the formal rescission of this guidance.