



Dispensary Licensee Newsletter - June 2020

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Board Resolutions

At its June meeting, the Board of Pharmacy passed a resolution extending the expiration date for all patients who are terminally ill from six months to one year from the date of registration. A copy of the resolution can be accessed [here](#).

The Board also passed a resolution allowing CTR physicians to accept alternative forms of identification in lieu of a driver's license or non-driver's identification card issued by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles to prove Ohio residency. A copy of the resolution can be accessed [here](#).

COVID-19 Updates

The Board of Pharmacy will continue to issue updates related to COVID-19 to dispensary licensees through Constant Contact. Please make sure the correct individuals from your organization are on the Board's communication list. If you have any questions, please contact your Compliance Agent.

90-Day Supply Calculation

Effective April 17, 2020, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy established a process for calculating a patient's 90-day supply. This process replaces all previous processes for calculating a patient's 90-day supply and shall remain in effect until codified in Administrative Rule. This process is intended to provide a simpler way for patients, caregivers, and dispensaries to calculate days' supply while ensuring patients do not exceed the maximum 90-day possession limit established in law.

For resources related to the new calculation, [please visit this page](#).

LICENSING

Resolutions Regarding Employee Identification

On June 9, 2020, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy adopted a resolution regarding Employee Identification Cards – a copy of the full resolution can be found [here](#) – that waives the requirements of rules 3796:6-2-09(G) and 3796:6-3-01(J) of the Ohio Administrative Code. This resolution is effective upon the renewal of the dispensary employee's license currently set to expire Dec. 4, 2020, and for any new employee and any replacement for a current employee identification card on or after June 9, 2020.

Employee Identification Separation Requirements:

Upon Termination of employment or when a dispensary employee otherwise ceases employment with a dispensary, the dispensary shall:

1. Collect the employee identification card for destruction and disposal by the dispensary (Please **do not** mail the badge to the Board)
2. Submit a completed '[Notice of Separation Form](#)' to the Board

Printing of Employee Identification Cards:

Effective June 9, 2020, a dispensary may print employee identification cards. Please see the full resolution – found [here](#) – for full requirements. Upon written request, the Board will continue to issue identification cards to dispensary employees until **January 5, 2021**. All medical marijuana dispensary employees are still required to wear an identification card that clearly identifies them to the public and contains the required information described. Failure to comply with the conditions set forth in the resolution will be considered a violation of Chapter 3796 of the Ohio Administrative Code and may result in disciplinary action.

COMPLIANCE

Online Ordering

I Heart Jane, Jane Technologies signed the required agreement with the Board to allow for online use with Ohio licensed dispensaries. Locations wishing to use this platform may do so as long as they are following the guidance issued by the Board in the Guidance Document from Apr. 22, 2020.

Prior to each individual location implementing online ordering with I Heart Jane, please have the location's Designated Representative reach out to their Agent via email to notify them of the operational change.

DISPENSARY OPERATIONS

Continuing Education Material Submission Reminder

Pursuant to [OAC 3796-6-3-19](#), all dispensary employees are required to receive a minimum of 16 hours of continuing education for each two-year licensing period. Foundational Training does not count towards continuing education. Similar to Foundational Training, dispensaries are required to submit continuing education materials for approval 60 days prior to the date of intended training. Dispensaries may independently develop content or work with a third party.

For more information regarding submitting, please review the following:

- [Dispensary Training & Continuing Education Submission Guidance Document](#)
- [Dispensary Training & Continuing Education FAQ](#)
- [Dispensary Training & Continuing Education Submission Form](#)
- [Dispensary Training & Continuing Education Submission Form - CE Attachment](#)