



Quick Reference Guide: How to Obtain Medical Marijuana

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STEP 1: VISIT A PHYSICIAN WITH A CERTIFICATE TO RECOMMEND

The first step to become a medical marijuana patient is to establish and maintain a physician-patient relationship with a physician holding an active certificate to recommend (CTR) issued by the State Medical Board of Ohio.

- To locate a CTR physician, [click here](#).
- An in-person visit with a certified physician is required at least once per year.
- On March 18, 2020, the State Medical Board of Ohio met and [voted to suspend enforcement of telemedicine regulations](#) for licensees during the COVID-19 pandemic. This will allow physicians with a CTR to use telemedicine in place of in-person visits to make recommendations and renewals for medical marijuana.
- The physician holding a CTR must confirm you have a qualifying condition to recommend the use of medical marijuana. By law, patients with one of the following medical conditions may currently participate in Ohio's medical marijuana program:
 - AIDS
 - Alzheimer's disease
 - Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
 - Cachexia *[added by Medical Board on 7/8/2020]*
 - Cancer
 - Chronic traumatic encephalopathy
 - Crohn's disease
 - Epilepsy or another seizure disorder
 - Fibromyalgia
 - Glaucoma
 - Hepatitis C
 - Inflammatory bowel disease
 - Multiple sclerosis
 - Pain that is either chronic and severe or intractable
 - Parkinson's disease
 - Positive status for HIV
 - Post-traumatic stress disorder
 - Sickle cell anemia
 - Spinal cord disease or injury
 - Tourette syndrome
 - Traumatic brain injury
 - Ulcerative colitis
- Certified physicians have access to the Patient Registry and will submit their recommendations for a patient to receive medical marijuana directly to the Patient Registry.

- The physician will need the patient's valid Ohio driver's license, a valid Ohio identification card issued by the Ohio bureau of motor vehicles (BMV), or a valid United States passport.
- A registered caregiver may possess and administer medical marijuana to patients with whom the caregiver's registration is associated. The certified physician will need similar identification from a caregiver to establish their profile in the Patient Registry.
- On March 23, 2020, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy adopted a temporary process to register new caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on this process, [click here](#).
- A certified physician can recommend up to a 90-day supply of medical marijuana with three refills (totaling up to 360-day supply if appropriate for the patient). For more information on how a 90-day supply is calculated, [click here](#).

2. GET REGISTERED

- Once a recommending physician has entered a patient or caregiver into the registry, the patient/caregiver will receive an email prompting them to login to their profile in the [Patient Registry](#). In the registry, complete your application and pay the fee.
- The annual cost of a medical marijuana registration is \$50 for patients and \$25 for caregivers.
 - Patients who qualify for indigent or veteran status may be eligible for fee reductions. For more information, [click here](#).

3. FIND A DISPENSARY

- After receiving your Patient & Caregiver Registry card, you may purchase medical marijuana from an Ohio dispensary that has received a certificate of operation by the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy.
- The following links provide information on dispensaries who have received a certificate of operation:
 - [List of Ohio Medical Marijuana Dispensaries with Certificates of Operation](#)
 - [Map of Ohio Medical Marijuana Dispensaries with Certificates of Operation](#)
- Dispensary staff will counsel you on the appropriate type and dose of product for your condition.
- Only patients with an active registry card, an active recommendation, and their associated government-issued ID can purchase medical marijuana.