



Patient & Caregiver Newsletter - August 2021

Telemedicine

[Ohio Administrative Code 4731-32-03](#) and [Ohio Revised Code 4731.30](#) require an in-person visit to make an initial recommendation and an in-person examination at least once a year.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Medical Board suspended enforcement of regulations that required in-person visits, until the expiration of Executive Order 2020-01D. This allowed the use of telemedicine in situations that previously required in-person visits, including for physicians with a CTR to use telemedicine for initial visits and renewals.

In June, the Medical Board voted to resume enforcement of the regulation on September 17, 2021, three months after the lifting of the state declaration of emergency. However, on August 11th the Medical Board voted to extend the suspension of regulation for in-person visits until **December 31, 2021**, to ensure accessibility and safety for patients during this time.

The Medical Board approved telemedicine FAQs that provide guidance on telemedicine in Ohio and the Medical Board's resumption of enforcement. Click [here](#) to view the FAQs.

Purchase Summary

Patients can now rely on the Purchase Summary chart, including the Purchased and Remaining columns, listed on each patient's profile to determine their days' supply. The purchase summary chart lists individual patients' fill periods and how many days' worth of product patients have purchased, as well as how many days remain in their current, previous, and future fill periods.

Patients can visit www.ohiomedicalmarijuanaregistry.com and log in with their email address and password to access their patient profile and view their purchase summary chart.

Rule Reminder

Terminal Illness

Pursuant to [Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3796:7-1-01\(C\)](#), "terminal illness" is a qualifying condition for which a prospective patient has received a diagnosis for a life expectancy of six months or less if the illness runs its normal course. Patients who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness are able to purchase additional quantities of medical marijuana under [Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3796:8-2-04\(C\)](#). The terminally ill designation must be entered by the patient's recommending physician.