



Patient & Caregiver Newsletter - December 2021

Elimination of Tier System & Update to 90-Day Supply of Plant Material

The Board of Pharmacy approved a resolution that will eliminate the plant material tier system and increase the total amount of plant material that a patient can purchase in a 90-day period to 9 ounces regardless of THC percentage, effective January 3, 2022. Patients with a terminal diagnosis will continue to be eligible to purchase 10 ounces of plant material in a 90-day period. (NOTE: These changes will NOT impact any purchases made prior to January 3, 2022.)

Existing inventory identifying tiers may continue to be sold by dispensaries but dispensaries should adjust those sales to reflect the new days' supply for each product. A chart identifying the new days' supply for plant material can be found [here](#). There may be a short period of time on and after January 3rd when not all dispensaries will be able to make this change in their point-of-sale systems. Dispensaries have been instructed to review patient purchases made on and after January 3rd. If there is an identified error in the days' supply associated with a product, dispensaries must manually calculate the correct days' supply and allow patients to purchase additional product in conformance with the new [Plant Material Day Supply Reference](#).

Please be patient with dispensary staff as this transition occurs. If you have a question regarding your current days' supply, you can log in to your account at ohiomedicalmarijuanaregistry.com with your email address and password, then scroll to your Purchase Summary chart.

Telemedicine Update

[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.

The Medical Board voted to extend the enforcement of these regulations until **March 31, 2022**.

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.

Medical Marijuana Patient & Caregiver Registry

Patients and caregivers can view their profile and other important registry information by logging into www.ohiomedicalmarijuanaregistry.com with their email address and password. Once logged into the registry, patients and caregivers can:

1. Edit registry information such as email address, physical address, and phone number.
2. Download card and print a copy of the registration card.
3. View the Purchase Summary chart – the chart lists individualized fill periods and purchase amounts.
4. View recommendation history and contact information for recommending physician.
5. Reset password - Click on "Reset Password" and you will be directed to the "Forgot Your Password?" page; enter the email address associated with your Medical Marijuana Registry account into the "Email field"; click on "Send me reset password instructions."

Rule Reminder

Patient Recommendations

Pursuant to rule [3796:7-2-04\(A\)](#), a patient or caregiver may only purchase medical marijuana pursuant to a valid and active recommendation issued by a physician.

Patients must have both an active recommendation and an active registration in order to purchase medical marijuana.

ONLY a patient's CTR physician is able to issue a recommendation. The Board of Pharmacy is not able to issue or alter patient recommendations.

Physicians can issue one 90-day recommendation with the allowance of up-to three 90-day refills for a combined total of 360 days. It is up to the physician's discretion as to the amount of refills each patient receives. Physicians are unable to issue a recommendation that exceeds the expiration date of a registration.

If a patient is unsure as to when their recommendation will expire, they can ask their recommending physician at the time of registration/renewal; or they can log in to their patient profile and view the "RECOMMENDATION" section at the bottom of the page. Patients can log in to their patient profile by visiting www.ohiomedicalmarijuanaregistry.com.