



Dispensary Licensee Newsletter - May 2019

Editor's Note: This month we bring you registration for our annual informational session, new compliance forms, and guidelines for health claims in advertising and marketing materials.

- Board of Pharmacy's MMCP Staff

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Annual Meeting Registration

Registration for the Second Annual Medical Marijuana Dispensary Informational Session has opened. This year's session will be held at the State Fire Marshal's office. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and conclude at 4:30 PM, with check-in starting at 9:00 AM.

Each business entity can send up to two attendees per dispensary location. Only licensed individuals from each licensed facility are permitted to attend. The link to the registration can be found [here](#). Registration should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

Registration will close on **June 5, 2019 at 5:00 PM**. Please contact the Board by email at mmcp@pharmacy.ohio.gov with any issues or concerns.

Vaporizers for Non-Plant Products

Vaporizers for the non-plant products will fall into one of two categories:

1. Devices that must be metered and dispensed with each purchase or have a unique cartridge that fits only that device.
 2. Devices that are not metered that can be sold and lawfully used with a product that is metered – i.e. blister packs, graduated dropper, etc.
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LICENSING

Employee Application Statuses

The licensing department has received several e-mails regarding employee application statuses. Below are application statuses and their definitions:

Submitted: Application has been successfully received by the Board but has not yet been reviewed. All applications are reviewed in the order in which they are received.

In Review – Additional Information: The Board has reviewed the application and determined that the some information is missing or was not provided. In these instances, the Board reaches out to the applicant directly seeking that additional information needed.

In Review: The Board has reviewed the application but legal has been identified, either by a positive result on the background check results, or by an affirmative answer to the legal questions on the application. **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF A POSITIVE RESULT IS IDENTIFIED, THIS CAN CAUSE UP TO A 4 – 6 WEEK DELAY. The Board must wait to receive the proper documentation from BCI in order to review the charges. In some instances, this may require a compliance and enforcement review. There is nothing the applicant can do to expedite this process except responding promptly to any requests for documents.**

Please keep in mind the statuses mentioned above before inquiring the status of an application from the Board. Employee application statuses are visible on

COMPLIANCE

New Compliance Forms

Compliance is currently preparing two separate forms, one for submitting requests such as; Hours of Operation Change, Temporary Dispensary Access, etc. The second form will be used for reporting incidents involving; Theft or Loss, Surveillance Outages, etc. The aforementioned forms must be completed by the Designated Representative or their designee and uploaded to the provided MMCP online portal. We hope to have the forms and portal completed very soon. In the meantime we would like to receive any suggestions on requests or incidents dispensaries would like to see added to the forms. Please submit your suggestions to: MMCP@pharmacy.ohio.gov with the subject title "Suggestions for forms."

Structural Change Requests

As a reminder Provisional Dispensary Licensees should submit all requests for structural changes to the MMCP@pharmacy.ohio.gov mailbox. Requests for structural changes should not be submitted as a major modification unless the licensee has been awarded a Certificate of Operation. Incorrectly submitting a request for a major modification requires a \$5,000 application fee and will delay assessment of your request.

DISPENSARY OPERATIONS

Advertising and Marketing Health Claims Guidelines

Due to discussions regarding health claims we have published [a FAQ document](#) to provide more clarity on this topic. This document includes the Board's process for reviewing health claims, outlines prohibited statements, and examples of appropriate statements.

Day Supply Reference Guides

The following are guides that breakdown the number of days' supply for plant material, products for oral administration, products used topically, and products used for vaporization.

- [Non-Plant Material Day Supply Reference](#)
- [Plant Material Day Supply Reference](#)
- [THC Percent Ranges and THC Content Ranges](#)