



Dispensary Licensee Newsletter - August 2021

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Caregiver Registration

On August 9, 2021, the Board of Pharmacy voted to terminate the [Temporary Expansion of Caregiver Registration](#) effective September 8, 2021. Thereafter, all caregivers must be registered through a recommending physician and the Board will no longer be able to register caregivers directly. Additionally, each patient will be permitted to have up to two caregivers linked to their account and each caregiver will be permitted to have up to two patients.

Notwithstanding the two patient and two caregiver limit, a request for additional caregivers or additional patients may be made to the Board pursuant to [OAC 3796:7-2-02\(F\)](#). Additionally, the Board will not be removing existing caregivers who registered under this expansion.

Identification Requirements for Patients and Caregivers

The Board of Pharmacy also voted to immediately terminate the previously issued Photo Identification Requirements for Patients and Caregivers, which allowed patients and caregivers to use expired state-issued identification and other forms of identification due to the closure of BMVs throughout the state.

Patients and caregivers may still register using other forms of identification besides Ohio driver's licenses and Ohio BMV issued identification cards, including birth certificates, passports, and driver's licenses or other identification issued by another state. Patients and caregivers must demonstrate Ohio residency and the Ohio address must be used as the registration address, even if the patient or caregiver uses out-of-state identification to register. The Board's resolution can be found [here](#).

NOTE: If a physician registers a patient or caregiver using a form of identification other than an Ohio driver's license or Ohio BMV issued identification card, along with two forms of proof of address, the patient or caregiver does not need to show the proof of address at the dispensary to make a purchase. The patient or caregiver is only required to show the alternative form of identification, e.g. birth certificate, passport, out-of-state driver's license or other identification, certificate of citizenship, etc.

Patient Information

Pursuant to rule [3796:7-2-07\(C\)](#), patients must notify the Board of any information changes within 30 calendar days of the change. These changes include: name, address, telephone number, and email address.

Patients/caregivers can make these changes by visiting www.ohiomedicalmarijuanaregistry.com and signing in with their email address and password. Once logged in, they can click the "EDIT" button to update any of the following fields:

- Address
- Phone number
- Email address

Registrants should always click "SAVE CHANGES" when their updates are complete.

Patients who have changed their name and need to update their registration to reflect that name

change should contact their recommending physician or the Board of Pharmacy to provide proof of name change.

Once patients update their name, their new name MUST match the form of identification listed on their Registry profile in order to access the dispensary. If the patient needs to update their form of identification, they must contact their recommending physician.

LICENSING

Term of Dispensary Employee Licenses

In June, the Board passed a resolution to permanently change the expiration dates and renewal cycle for all Medical Marijuana Dispensary Employee Licenses to July 1st of odd-numbered years. All renewed employee licenses now reflect a new expiration date of July 1, 2023. Licensees will receive additional communication confirming the change in the next few weeks.

Background Check Delays

The Board of Pharmacy anticipates a continued delay in the receipt of background checks from the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation. However, the Board is working diligently to obtain background checks that were submitted.

COMPLIANCE

Dispensation Data

Dispensary Designated Representatives must ensure all medical marijuana dispensation data is accurately reflected in the Patient & Caregiver Registry. Logging into the PMP clearinghouse at least once daily to verify no unexpected errors have occurred (e.g., data not transmitting successfully to a patient's profile) is recommended. Daily checks of the PMP clearinghouse can identify potential errors quickly, making it easier to resolve any discovered issues.

Below is the relevant rule for review:

[O.A.C. 3796:6-3-10: Dispensary reporting into the prescription monitoring program](#):

(A) A dispensary shall transmit electronically to the state board of pharmacy, in a format suitable to the board, the information set forth below within five minutes of the dispensing of any and all medical marijuana.

(I) All medical marijuana dispensing information submitted to the drug database pursuant to this rule must be reported in an accurate and timely manner.