



Dispensary Licensee Newsletter - October 2021

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Board of Pharmacy Publishes RFA II First Round Question & Answer Responses

The Board of Pharmacy has posted the First Round Question and Answer Responses. The responses may now be found under the heading **DISPENSARY APPLICATIONS – RFA II** at www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/dispensaries.

The second Question and Answer period began on October 17, 2021 and will end October 21, 2021. Questions may be submitted by emailing rfaquestions@medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov. **Please review RFA II, the First Round Question and Answer Responses, and all additional posted documents before submitting questions.** Individuals may submit a maximum of three questions during this Second Question & Answer Period.

The application process will formally open on November 4, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. and close on November 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Mandatory Product Recall on October 13, 2021

The Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program (MMCP) issued a [mandatory product recall](#) on manufactured products named *Certified Live Resin Southside Legend* sold to dispensaries by processor, Certified Cultivators, LLC. This recall was initiated by the MMCP because the manufactured products did not receive the full battery of required testing prior to being sold at dispensaries. The recalled products were not tested for heavy metals, pesticides, residual solvents, and mycotoxins. The MMCP is investigating this matter and will issue an executive summary at the conclusion of the investigation.

No reports of adverse reactions for this product have been reported to the MMCP at this time.

Patients who have purchased the recalled product should stop using it. All unused product should be returned to the dispensary where purchased. Returned products will not count toward a patient's 90-day possession limit.

Reminder: Purchase Summary Table Not Appearing

Occasionally, a patient's Dispensations list will not be viewable. This most often occurs when two or more patient profiles have the same birth date, same street name, when there are multiple pieces of overlapping information, and our system is unable to isolate one unique patient.

Dispensary staff must be careful not to input erroneous data when manually completing patient profiles prior to dispensing. Agents have discovered instances where, instead of the required patient registration numbers being entered, staff are entering a patient's driver license number or all zeros, which is causing incomplete or erroneous data to be uploaded to the patient's OARRS/APPRISS profile. This incorrect data is then being posted to Metrc. [Rule 3796:6-3-10\(I\) of the Ohio Administrative Code](#) states:

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

In order to merge multiple profiles, only the Dispensary should email MMCPRegistry@pharmacy.ohio.gov, Terri.Ghitman@pharmacy.ohio.gov, and Ashley.Hood@pharmacy.ohio.gov. Please provide the patient's name (with proper spelling), date of birth, 20-digit Medical Marijuana ID number, and number of days dispensed (up to four), if applicable. This information should come from the Dispensary, NOT from the patient. Board staff will

then merge the multiple profiles and may advise the dispensary in correcting its erroneous data.

CAREGIVERS

Caregivers Being Expedited

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.

If a caregiver registration has been activated/renewed and a patient is unable to purchase medical marijuana without a caregiver or has terminal status, please email mmcpreistry@pharmacy.ohio.gov and the Board will make every effort to expedite caregiver review.

COMPLIANCE

Dispensary Access Requests

Agents are responsible for approving access to a dispensary. Requests for access must be submitted in writing and in a timely manner to allow for review and a response from your applicable agent. Making a request the day of or one day prior to a visit does not allow the agent to conduct an appropriate review of the documents received. To allow for visitation of persons otherwise prohibited from being on the premises of a dispensary, be prepared to submit a request for access one week prior to visit.