



Dispensary Licensee Newsletter - November 2021

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Vape Product Naming

Product names are not permitted to have references that are considered attractive to children or create the impression that the product is for recreational purposes. See ORC 3796.06(C), OAC 3796:8-2-03, and OAC 3796:6-3-24. Under prior application of these rules, the Board prohibited vape product names that include flavors (e.g., fruit, fruit flavors, cookie, cake, or candy). **The Board will now permit strain names that have been approved by the Ohio Department of Commerce to also be used as the name for manufactured vaping products.** This includes strain names that include "flavor" references that previously would have been denied.

RFA II – Application Deadline

The deadline for submission of applications for the Second Request for Dispensary Applications (RFA II) is **November 18, 2021 at 2:00 pm**. All application information and a link to the dispensary application portal can be found at <https://www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/dispensaries>.

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Background Check Guidance

The Board of Pharmacy [has a guidance document to help dispensary employee applicants fill out their criminal records check forms](#). Failure to correctly submit background checks will cause significant processing delays for prospective employees. It is important to note that the Board of Pharmacy does not receive FBI and BCI results that are directed to the Department of Commerce. Applications awaiting background check results will receive communication from the Board as part of the application review process.