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## Dispensary Licensee Newsletter - September 2023

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### IMPORTANT UPDATES

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#### Board of Pharmacy Awarded Dispensary Certificate of Operation

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy awarded a Dispensary Certificate of Operation to the following location:

- Story of Cincinnati at 3950 Edwards Rd., Cincinnati

The Board has now issued 104 Dispensary Certificates of Operation.

The [interactive map](#) of Dispensaries with Certificates of Operation has been updated.

#### Irritable Bowel Syndrome Update

On Wednesday, July 12 the State Medical Board of Ohio (SMBO) voted to add irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) as a qualifying condition to the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program (OMMCP), effective immediately. Physicians can now issue recommendations with irritable bowel syndrome designated as the patient's qualifying condition.

The Patient & Caregiver Registry support team has made a website update and added IBS to the Registry as a qualifying condition. This new condition now appears in the Registry.

Irritable bowel syndrome was previously designated as a patient's qualifying condition in the following ways:

- If the patient had more than one qualifying condition, the present condition would appear as the qualifying condition with a notation in the comment box indicating that IBS is also a diagnosis.
- If the patient's only qualifying condition was IBS, a substitute condition was selected and IBS was noted as the actual diagnosis in the comment box.

This process is no longer needed, because the Registry is now updated. If you have questions about the Registry, please contact the [Registry support team](#).

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### COMPLIANCE

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#### Clarification: Registry Issue

On Thursday, September 7, 2023, the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program was made aware of a technical issue that affected some of the patient Registry. This error may have interrupted your customary dispensing process.

The OARRS vendor (Bamboo Health) has now corrected the problem.

If this registry issue appears in the future, you may use your option of dispensing a **4-day** supply. You are still required to report the sale to OARRS like you do any other sale.

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