



Patient & Caregiver Newsletter - February 2021

The Board of Pharmacy has started a Patient & Caregiver Newsletter to help the Board stay more connected to Ohio Medical Marijuana patients and caregivers, and to share more information about the program, updates, rules, and more.

Recommendation and Registration

In order to purchase medical marijuana, patients must have **BOTH** an active recommendation AND a valid registration.

A recommendation is obtained from a physician who is certified to recommend medical marijuana (CTR physician). A recommendation period is 90-days and may also include up to three 90-day refill periods.

A patient has a valid registration when the patient has completed the initial registration process through the Ohio Medical Marijuana Registry link received via email after obtaining a recommendation and paying the required registration fee. A patient also has a valid registration if the patient has renewed their registration by logging into www.ohiomedicalmarijuanaregistry.com and paying the renewal fee.

Temporary changes to Ohio law have extended the deadline for all patient and caregiver registrations. If a patient or caregiver's registration expires between March 9, 2020 and April 1, 2021, the expiration date has been extended and will remain valid through July 1, 2021. Patient and caregiver registration cards will NOT be updated to reflect the July 1, 2021 expiration date; however, dispensaries have been instructed to accept these registration cards as valid.

Please note, the temporary law change **DID NOT** extend the recommendation periods for patients. Therefore, if the patient's recommendation is no longer active, the patient will not be able to purchase medical marijuana unless a new recommendation is obtained from the CTR physician. If you do not have an active recommendation, please contact your CTR physician to schedule an appointment.

Purchase Summary Table

Patients may have noticed that a Purchase Summary Table is now viewable on their registry account. This chart contains the personalized "fill number" periods, the start and end dates for each of the fill periods, and a "purchased" and "remaining" column.

The fill period start and end dates for patients should be correct on your account; however, the Board is still working with the vendor to ensure that the appropriate information is used to determine the "purchased" and "remaining" columns. Therefore, for many patients these columns are not correct.

Dispensaries have been instructed to continue calculating remaining days' supply using the [days' supply calculator](#) previously provided by the Board, not to rely on the "purchased" and "remaining" columns. Therefore, if you notice that the "purchased" or "remaining" columns on your Purchase Summary Table are inaccurate, you **DO NOT** need to contact the Board to report this information. Also, if your registration card is showing an "expired" date and you are relying on the temporary extension (see previous article), you will not see a Purchase Summary Table on your registry account.

Rule Reminder

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.

To make changes to their address, telephone number, or email address, patients may: (1) go to www.ohiomedicalmarijuanaregistry.com and log in with their email address and password, then click "edit" and update the information; (2) contact their physician's office to request that their information be updated; or (3) email mmcpreistry@pharmacy.ohio.gov to request that the information be updated, including the full name and date of birth in addition to the changing information.

To change your name on your registry account, please contact your physician or email mmcpreistry@pharmacy.ohio.gov and provide proof of the name change, e.g. marriage license or court order granting name change.

Dispensaries CANNOT update patient registration information.