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## PATIENT & CAREGIVER NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2023

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### BOARD OF PHARMACY AWARDS DISPENSARY CERTIFICATES OF OPERATION IN COLUMBUS, AKRON, EUCLID AND WOODMERE

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The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy awarded certificates of operation to the following dispensaries:

- Elevated Growth, located in Columbus
- Culture Cannabis Club, located in Akron
- Good River Wellness, located in Euclid
- Ayr Wellness, located in Woodmere
- Main Street Medical Cannabis, located in Columbus

The Board has now issued 110 dispensary certificates of operation.

The following links provide information on dispensaries who have received a certificate of operation:

- [List of Ohio Medical Marijuana Dispensaries with Certificates of Operation](#)
- [Map of Ohio Medical Marijuana Dispensaries with Certificates of Operation](#)

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## STATE BUDGET UPDATE - MEDICAL MARIJUANA CONTROL PROGRAM

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The state operating budget was signed into law on July 4 and included language to establish the Division of Marijuana Control within the Ohio Department of Commerce.

The new Division is tasked with administering the Medical Marijuana Control Program, including the licensing and regulation of medical marijuana cultivators, processors, testing laboratories, and dispensaries, and overseeing the Patient & Caregiver Registry.

The legislation requires the transition of the oversight of dispensaries and the Patient & Caregiver Registry from the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy to the Department of Commerce to be complete by December 31, 2023.

The MMCP will communicate any changes or updates as they happen. Until you are instructed otherwise, dispensaries, patients, and caregivers should continue working with the Board of Pharmacy.

The MMCP will work with all licensees to ensure a smooth transition through engagement, collaboration, and communication during this process. We will provide updates as soon as possible and appreciate your patience.

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## REGISTRY REMINDERS

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### REGISTRATION & RECOMMENDATION EXPIRATION DATES

The registration expiration date on your medical marijuana card is for your patient or caregiver registration with the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program. The annual registration fee entitles a registrant to a full year of registration. That expiration date will always be the last day of the month, one year from when the patient or caregiver activated or renewed the registration and paid the annual fee. (e.g., if you activated or renewed your registration and paid the state fee on 7/10/2023, your registration expiration date will be 7/31/2024).

Pursuant to rules [3796:7-2-04](#) and [3796:8-2-04](#) of the Administrative Codes, the maximum amount of time a physician can issue a recommendation for is 90-days with up to three 90-day refills – for a total of 360 days. Thus, a patient's recommendation from their physician will expire before their patient registration.

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## PATIENT & CAREGIVER RESOURCES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Renewing Patient Registration</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Renewing Caregiver Registration</a></li><li>• <a href="#">90 DAY Supply Guidance</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Patient &amp; Caregiver Newsletters</a></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">How to Reset Your Password</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Caregiver Approval Process</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Other Resources and Guidance</a></li><li>• <a href="#">MMCP Rules</a></li></ul> |
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