



**STATE OF
OHIO**
BOARD OF PHARMACY



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE: CAREGIVER APPROVAL PROCESS

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Registration of caregivers in the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program requires Board staff to confirm eligibility before a caregiver can purchase medical marijuana on behalf of a patient. This additional step occurs after the caregiver activates or renews their registration and the required fee is remitted.

[Rule 3796:7-2-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code](#) requires the Board to check seven separate databases to see if the caregiver is identified on any of them. If the caregiver does appear, the Board must deny the caregiver registration.

Please note: The caregiver eligibility review will occur once the caregiver is linked to a patient. Only physicians with a certificate to recommend medical marijuana can link a caregiver to a patient.

The caregiver cannot purchase medical marijuana on behalf of a patient until the Board completes the caregiver eligibility review. The caregiver status check can take up to seven business days to complete. When a caregiver's status is approved, they will receive an email to notify them of their submission's completion.

If you have any questions regarding caregiver approval, please call the Ohio Medical Marijuana Toll-Free Helpline at 1-833-4OH-MMCP (1-833-464-6627), or contact the Board via email at MMCPRegistry@pharmacy.ohio.gov.