



Patient & Caregiver Newsletter - May 2021

Patient & Caregiver Registration Extension Ending

Under HB 404, the General Assembly extended patient and caregiver registrations that expired between March 9, 2020 and April 1, 2021 until July 1, 2021. As a reminder, if you took advantage of this extension and have been using a registration card that is expired on its face, you must renew your card prior to July 1, 2021 or you will be unable to purchase medical marijuana.

MMCP Helpline

To report an adverse reaction to medical marijuana or for other general questions about the program, please contact the Ohio MMCP Toll-Free Helpline at 1-833-4OH-MMCP (1-833-464-6627). However, if you have specific questions or concerns about your registration, renewal, caregiver approval status, indigent or veteran status, or anything else that requires access to your registry account, please email mmcpregistry@pharmacy.ohio.gov. The helpline staff **DO NOT** have access to the registry and cannot provide you with information specifically related to your account.

Rule Reminder

Patient Recommendations

Pursuant to [rule 3796:7-2-04\(A\)](#), a patient or caregiver may only purchase medical marijuana pursuant to a valid and active recommendation issued by a physician.

Patients must have both an active recommendation and an active registration in order to purchase medical marijuana.

ONLY a patient's CTR physician is able to issue a recommendation. The Board of Pharmacy is not able to issue or alter patient recommendations.

Physicians can issue one 90-day recommendation with the allowance of up-to three 90-day refills for a combined total of 360 days. It is up to the physician's discretion as to the amount of refills each patient receives. Physicians are unable to issue a recommendation that exceeds the expiration date of a registration.

If a patient is unsure as to when their recommendation will expire, they can ask their recommending physician at the time of registration/renewal; or they can log in to their patient profile and view the "RECOMMENDATION" section at the bottom of the page. Patients can log in to their patient profile by visiting www.ohiomedicalmarijuanaregistry.com.