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## **QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE: CAREGIVER APPROVAL PROCESS**

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Registration of caregivers in the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program includes a step to confirm eligibility before a caregiver can purchase medical marijuana on behalf of a patient. This additional step occurs after the caregiver fee is remitted and before the caregiver card can be activated.

Like patients, caregivers are emailed a link to the Registry. Using this link, the caregiver can remit their registration fee. Unlike patients, a caregiver's card will not be immediately active. After remitting their fee, the activation of the caregiver card is pending an eligibility review. [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 may 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 status check can take up to seven business days to complete — but is typically much faster. 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](mailto:MMCPRegistry@pharmacy.ohio.gov).