



## State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy Patient and Caregiver Rules

### Overview

As one of three state agencies responsible for developing, implementing and overseeing the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program, the Board of Pharmacy is tasked with developing rules that will govern the registration of patients with qualifying conditions and their caregivers. The primary focus of the rules is to develop a program that ensures the safety of the public and access to a safe medical product.

The draft rules presented to the Medical Marijuana Advisory Committee were developed after a thorough review of other state laws, consultation with regulators in other states, and talking with patients, caregivers, and industry experts.

### Highlights

Highlights of the rules include:

- **Patient and Caregiver Registration:** The registration process is an electronic process that can be submitted by a patient's recommending physician or physician's delegate.
- **Registry Identification Cards:** All patients and caregivers are required to register with the Board to receive a state-issued medical marijuana patient ID card.
- **Registration Fees:** The annual registration fee for a patient will be \$50 and \$25 for caregivers. Patients who are veterans or who are indigent and those patients' caregivers will receive a 50% reduction in their registration fee.
- **Minor Patients:** Patients under the age of 18 are required to have a parent or legal representative serve as their caregiver.
- **Caregiver Eligibility:** Individuals aged 21 and up can serve as a caregiver for up to two patients. Each patient can have up to two caregivers. Limitations on the number of patients a caregiver can serve or the number of caregivers that a patient may have, may be adjusted by the Board of Pharmacy to avoid undue hardship or for end of life care.

### Next Steps

The medical marijuana patient and caregiver rules will follow the standard rule development process. After receiving input from the Medical Marijuana Advisory Committee and the public, the rules will be submitted to the Common Sense Initiative, then the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

The public may provide comment at several points throughout the rule development process. The first opportunity is January 27<sup>th</sup> – February 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information on providing comments, visit: [medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/rules](https://medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/rules).

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