



Patient & Caregiver Newsletter - March 2022

Board of Pharmacy Awards Dispensary Certificate of Operation in Cleveland Heights

On March 16, 2022, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy awarded a Dispensary Certificate of Operation to Amplify, located at 1782 Coventry Rd, Cleveland Heights. The Board has now issued [58 Dispensary Certificates of Operation](#).

Caregiver Approval Process

Registration and renewal 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.

Upon activating or renewing the caregiver registration, 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 must deny the caregiver registration or renewal.

Please note: The caregiver eligibility review will occur only if the caregiver is linked to a patient. Only physicians with a certificate to recommend medical marijuana can link a caregiver to a patient. If a patient is not linked to the caregiver, the caregiver will still be able to pay the registration activation or renewal fee but the background check will not be performed.

When a caregiver's status is approved, they will receive an email to notify them of their submission's completion. Caregiver approval status can also be viewed under the "Demographics" section of the caregiver's account in the Patient & Caregiver Registry.

Registrants may request to have the status check expedited by submitting a request to the Board at MMCPRegistry@pharmacy.ohio.gov. Patients who no longer require a caregiver must contact their physician to "unlink" the existing caregiver(s) from their account. Caregivers who no longer want to serve as caregivers should email MMCPRegistry@pharmacy.ohio.gov to request a form to have their caregiver registration relinquished or the caregiver status removed from their account, if they are also a patient.

Rule Reminder

[Rule 3796:8-2-04](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code defines the increments in which medical marijuana products can be sold in Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program dispensaries. The rule states:

A patient and a patient's caregiver(s) may collectively purchase no less than a whole day unit at a single time. A whole day unit shall equal the following amounts for each authorized form of medical marijuana:

1. *One-tenth of an ounce (two and eighty-three hundredths grams) of plant material;*
2. *Two-hundred ninety-five milligrams of THC contained in a patch, lotion, cream, or ointment;*
3. *One hundred ten milligrams of THC contained in an oil, tincture, capsule, or edible for oral administration;*
4. *Five hundred ninety milligrams of THC contained in oil for vaporization.*

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