



# Quick Reference Guide: How to Obtain Medical Marijuana

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## **STEP 1: VISIT A PHYSICIAN WITH A CERTIFICATE TO RECOMMEND**

- The first step to become a medical marijuana patient is to establish and maintain a physician- patient relationship with a physician holding an active certificate to recommend (CTR) issued by the State Medical Board of Ohio.
- To locate a CTR physician, [click here](#).
- An in-person or telemedicine visit with a certified physician is required at least once per year.
- The physician holding a CTR must confirm you have a qualifying condition to recommend the use of medical marijuana. By law, patients with one of the following medical conditions may currently participate in Ohio's medical marijuana program:
  - AIDS
  - Alzheimer's disease
  - Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
  - Cachexia
  - Cancer
  - Chronic traumatic encephalopathy
  - Crohn's disease
  - Epilepsy or another seizure disorder
  - Fibromyalgia
  - Glaucoma
  - Hepatitis C
  - Huntington's Disease
  - Inflammatory bowel disease
  - Multiple sclerosis
  - Pain that is either chronic and severe or intractable
  - Parkinson's disease
  - Positive status for HIV
  - Post-traumatic stress disorder
  - Sickle cell anemia
  - Spasticity
  - Spinal cord disease or injury
  - Terminal Illness
  - Tourette syndrome
  - Traumatic brain injury
  - Ulcerative colitis

- Certified physicians have access to the Patient Registry and will submit their recommendations for a patient to receive medical marijuana directly to the Patient Registry.
- The physician will need the patient's valid Ohio driver's license, a valid Ohio identification card issued by the Ohio bureau of motor vehicles (BMV), or [another form of identification](#) approved by the Board of Pharmacy to demonstrate residency.
- A registered caregiver may possess and administer medical marijuana to patients with whom the caregiver's registration is associated. The certified physician will need similar identification from a caregiver to establish their profile in the Patient Registry.
- A certified physician can recommend up to a 90-day supply of medical marijuana with three refills (totaling up to 360-day supply if appropriate for the patient). For more information on how a 90-day supply is calculated, [click here](#).

## **STEP 2: GET REGISTERED**

- Once a recommending physician has entered a patient or caregiver into the registry, the patient/caregiver will receive an email prompting them to login to their profile in the [Patient Registry](#). In the registry, complete your application and pay the fee.
- The annual cost of a medical marijuana registration is \$50 for patients and \$25 for caregivers.
  - Patients who qualify for indigent or veteran status may be eligible for fee reductions. For more information, [click here](#).

## **STEP 3: FIND A DISPENSARY**

- After receiving your Patient & Caregiver Registry card, you may purchase medical marijuana from an Ohio dispensary that has received a certificate of operation by the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy.
- The following links provide information on dispensaries that have received a certificate of operation:
  - [List of Ohio Medical Marijuana Dispensaries with Certificates of Operation](#)
  - [Map of Ohio Medical Marijuana Dispensaries with Certificates of Operation](#)
- Dispensary staff will counsel you on the appropriate type and dose of product for your condition.
- Only patients with an active registry card, an active recommendation, and their associated government-issued ID can purchase medical marijuana.