



## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE: REGISTERING WITH INDIGENT/VETERAN STATUS

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Individuals registering with the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program as a patient who qualifies for indigent or veteran status, and individuals registering as a caregiver for such a patient, can have their registration fee reduced by 50% (\$25.00).

To do so, a physician with a certificate to recommend medical marijuana must register the patient in the Patient & Caregiver Registry and indicate that the patient is registering with special status. Then, the patient must then submit documentation to the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy to qualify for their special status.

### **IMPORTANT PAYMENT INFORMATION**

**Patients seeking to qualify for registration with special status cannot submit payment for their registration fee until their status has been approved by the Board of Pharmacy.**

**The "Activate Card" button, which begins the registration payment process, is not available while the special status is pending.**

### **Indigent Status**

Those applying for indigent status must provide a copy of a letter or other documentation from one of the following program types:

- A. Enrolled in the federal "Social Security Disability Income" (SSDI) or the "Supplemental Security Income" (SSI) disability programs. Provide documentation showing:
  1. The identity of the patient; and
  2. The amount of monthly Social Security Disability Income or Supplemental Security Income benefits the individual will receive during the calendar year they register with the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program.

**-or-**

- B. Enrolled in a State Retirement System and receiving monthly disability benefits. Examples: a state public employees retirement system, a state teacher retirement system, and a police or fire retirement system. Provide documentation showing:
  1. Identity of the patient; and
  2. Amount of monthly disability benefits to be received by the prospective patient during the current year of the registration submission.



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## **Veteran Status**

Those applying for veteran status must provide a copy of any of the following documents:

1. Department of Defense Identification Card (active, retired, temporary disability retirement list);
2. DD214, DD215, or National Guard Bureau military discharge certificate indicating disposition of discharge;
3. Report of separation from the National Archives National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Mo.; or
4. Veterans Identification Card from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Please note:** All acceptable proof documents, except a Veterans Identification Card, must show the veteran status as honorable, general, general under honorable conditions, or discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

Documentation must also include the applicant's date of birth, and should be emailed to [MMCPRegistry@pharmacy.ohio.gov](mailto:MMCPRegistry@pharmacy.ohio.gov) or mailed to:

State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy  
MMCP Registry Department  
c/o Mail Services  
30 E. Broad St., B-1  
Columbus, OH 43215

If you have any questions about registering with indigent or veteran status, 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).