

PROSPECTIVE OHIO MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENTS & CAREGIVERS FAQ

WHO QUALIFIES FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS?

Under Ohio Law, only patients diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions may be eligible for medical cannabis:

- AIDS
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
- Alzheimer's disease
- 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

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- The following non-refundable fees shall be paid to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy:
 - The annual fee for a patient registration is \$50
 - The annual fee for a caregiver registration is \$25
- The Ohio Board of Pharmacy may reduce registration fees to fifty per cent of the full registration price for a prospective patient who qualifies for indigent or veteran status, and any prospective caregiver for such a patient.
 - To do so, a physician with a certificate to recommend medical cannabis must register the patient in the Patient and Caregiver Registry and indicate that the patient is registering with special status. The patient is then required to submit their documentation to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy to qualify for their special status.

WHO IS QUALIFIED FOR REDUCED FEES?

- Patients who are enrolled in the federal "Social Security Disability Income" (SSDI) or the "Supplemental Security Income" (SSI) disability programs. To qualify for a reduced registration fee due to enrollment in either SSDI or SSI programs, the prospective patient shall submit to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy a copy of a letter or other documentation from the United States social security administration demonstrating the identity of the patient and the amount of monthly SSDI and SSI benefits to be received by the prospective patient during the current year
- Patients who are 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: Identity of the patient; and amount of monthly disability benefits to be received by the prospective patient during the current year of the registration submission.
- Patients who are veterans. To qualify for a reduced registration fee due to veteran status, the prospective patient shall submit to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy a copy of a department of defense identification card, dd214, dd215, or NGB. All acceptable proof documents, except veterans' identification card, must show the veteran status as honorable.

HOW DO YOU REGISTER?

- Visit a certified physician who can confirm that you have a qualifying condition for medical cannabis. The physician will create your profile in the Patient & Caregiver Registry. Physicians with an active certificate to recommend medical cannabis can be found at: med.ohio.gov/Publications/CTR-Search
- Confirm and complete patient registration for the program through the Patient & Caregiver Registry at: ohiomedicalmarijuanaregistry.com
- Registration of caregivers in the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program requires Board staff to confirm eligibility before a caregiver can purchase medical cannabis on behalf of a patient.
 - The caregiver eligibility review can take up to seven business days to complete. The caregiver eligibility review will occur once the caregiver is linked to a patient. Only physicians with a certificate to recommend medical cannabis can link a caregiver to a patient.

Anyone who may be experiencing serious or life-threatening issues should seek immediate medical attention. Patients and caregivers should report any adverse reactions to medical cannabis to the MMCP toll-free helpline **(1-833-464-6627)**.

The misuse or abuse of medications or other drugs has serious consequences. There are resources available to help. If you or someone you know may be struggling with addiction, call **877-275-6364** for information and a referral.