



Patient Fee Reduced Beginning March 4 Fee Elimination Coming Soon

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The Division of Cannabis Control (“DCC” or “Division”) has submitted a [rule proposal](#) to the Common Sense Initiative to eliminate the patient and caregiver registration fee. Currently, patients pay \$50 annually while caregivers pay \$25.

The Division is working with its software vendor to remove the fee from the Medical Marijuana Patient & Caregiver Registry (“registry”) as soon as the technological changes can be made. In the meantime, **beginning March 4, 2024, the medical marijuana patient and caregiver registration fee will be \$0.01** (one cent).

The DCC understands that a one cent charge is not ideal; however, at this time the Division feels it is appropriate and necessary to provide this immediate financial relief for patients and caregivers in the short term while working toward a full fee elimination as soon as the updates to the registry can be made.

Here’s what you need to know right now regarding fees and maintaining your medical marijuana card.

- Patients and caregivers do not need to submit any additional documentation or requests for the fee reduction. Beginning, March 4, 2024, the fee applied to the patient or caregiver’s registration for checkout will automatically be \$0.01.
- The reduced fee applies to all patients and caregivers for both new registrations and renewals.
- All fees are non-refundable and the DCC is unable to process any requests for refunds.
- The DCC will notify all patients and caregivers when the fee is scheduled to be completely removed from the registry (estimated late Spring).

MMCP patients and caregivers are encouraged to remain as a patient within the MMCP. Doing so:

- Ensures the patient is speaking with a physician about their qualifying condition and maintains access to medical marijuana at current operational medical marijuana dispensaries.
- Provides medical marijuana patients access to discounts that may be offered at a dispensary.
- Exempts medical marijuana sales from the 10% excise tax levied on non-medical sales per the approved statute.



Additionally, employers have discretion to establish their own drug-free workplace policies. Some individual employers have chosen to take the status of an employee as a medical marijuana patient into consideration. Similar considerations have been given for individuals under court supervision who are a medical marijuana patient.

Patients and caregivers can find more information and resources at <http://www.com.ohio.gov/mmcppatients>.