# Quick Reference Guide: How to Obtain Medical Marijuana

## STEP 1: VISIT A PHYSICIAN WHO IS CERTIFIED TO RECOMMEND MEDICAL MARIJUANA

- 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 will determine if you have a qualifying condition to be a medical marijuana patient.
- If the physician determines you have a qualifying condition and recommends medical marijuana for you, the physician will create your profile in the Patient & Caregiver Registry, along with their recommendation.
    - Your physician may also make specific product recommendations and refill specifications for you. The physician may recommend up to a 90-day supply of medical marijuana with three refills (totaling 360 days).
    - If you wish to register with indigent or veteran status, the physician must indicate this when creating your profile in the Patient & Caregiver 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 MMCP 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.

## 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.
    - See Quick Reference Guide: Activating Your Medical Marijuana Card for more information.

- 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 a licensed Ohio dispensary.
- The following link provides information on dispensaries who have received a certificate 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.