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**Ohio Marijuana Card Recommending Medical Marijuana Now**  
*One element of Ohio's medical marijuana program that hasn't been delayed —  
medical marijuana doctors.*

Cleveland, OH (September 6, 2018) — Medical marijuana is now legal in Ohio thanks to Ohio House Bill 523, which was signed into law in the fall of 2016. According to the law, the entire infrastructure for medical marijuana, from certified doctors to licensed cultivators, testers, processors and dispensaries, was supposed to be fully operational by Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018. But due to several unforeseen delays with the state and with companies obtaining their licenses, this day will come and go without a single legal bud sold.

“The issue is time,” Ohio Marijuana Card President Connor Shore stated. “Ohio wrote a very comprehensive bill, and it’s just taken longer than expected for cultivators, processors and dispensaries to get up and running. But once things get moving, we should be able to watch this industry grow quite nicely.”

While there have been dozens of delays in getting the medical marijuana program underway, one aspect of the program that has been running smoothly are the doctors who have been certified by the state to recommend medical marijuana.

Ohio Marijuana Card’s staff of eight state-certified doctors are located across Ohio, including Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Dayton. These doctors have been writing recommendations for medical marijuana to qualifying patients since the beginning of the summer.

“Ohioans are eager to take part in what so many other states have enjoyed for years now,” Ohio Marijuana Card Marketing Manager Randy Shaffer explained. “They want safe alternatives to opioids, medicine that has less harmful side effects, and seems to work better than some traditional prescription medications. Medical marijuana is that alternative”

A medical marijuana recommendation is required by the state in order for a patient to receive an Ohio medical marijuana card. Once a patient determines that they have one or more of the 21 medical conditions Ohio has approved for medical marijuana use, they must obtain copies of their medical records from their current physicians documenting their qualifying condition.

Patients can then set up an appointment with one of Ohio Marijuana Card's doctors, who will look over their medical records, perform a brief non-invasive examination, and determine if the patient should receive a recommendation for medical marijuana. Once they do, this recommendation will serve as an "affirmative defense" granting the patient legal protections to buy, transport, possess and consume medical marijuana.

This recommendation is also sent off to the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy. Once their registration program is active, roughly 60 days before dispensaries open, the Board of Pharmacy will send out an email or letter to patients, who then pay a \$50 registration fee to register as a medical marijuana patient. Once this fee is paid, the Board of Pharmacy will issue the official medical marijuana card to the patient.

"Naturally, the delays we've seen in the program have been frustrating for our patients," Shore said. "There's a lot of people in need, people who are suffering right now. People in terrible pain. And they don't want to have to wait any longer to get relief. But we are very confident that we will see product in the coming months."

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