On December 3, 2018, the State Board of Pharmacy activated the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program (MMCP) Patient and Caregiver Registry and, as of June 2020, 116,497 patients and 13,140 caregivers have completed the registration process. The Registry allows certified physicians to register patients and caregivers and to issue recommendations for the use of medical marijuana, and subsequent to initial registration by a physician, patients and caregivers are able to use the system to complete registration for a medical marijuana patient registry card, update registration information, and pay the required annual fee.

### Registration Fee Revenue

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. Proceeds from patient and caregiver registration fees are deposited to the Medical Marijuana Control Program Fund (Fund 5SY0) established by Controlling Board in August 2018 and used by the Board and the Department of Commerce to administer the MMCP.

In FY 2020, revenues from patient and caregiver registration fees totaled $3.97 million, an increase of $2.03 million, or 104.4%, from FY 2019 revenues of $1.94 million.

### 3 Steps to Legally Obtain Medical Marijuana

To obtain medical marijuana through the MMCP, a person must complete the following three steps:

1. Receive a recommendation from a certified physician confirming that a person has a qualifying medical condition,
2. Register with the State Board of Pharmacy, including paying the required fee, and
3. Purchase medical marijuana from a dispensary licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy.

As of June 2020, doctors have recommended medical marijuana for 147,254 people. 116,497 patients and 13,140 caregivers have completed registration with the Patient and Caregiver Registry. Of registered patients, 91,330, or 78.4%, have made at least one purchase from a licensed dispensary. Compared to June 2019, recommendations have increased by 222.5%, registered patients and caregivers by 150.9%, and unique patients who have made a purchase by 251.8%.

### Other Qualifying Medical Conditions

- **Pain**
  - That is either chronic and severe or intractable
  - 100,473
- **PTSD**
  - 26,146
- **Cancer**
  - 9,515
- **Fibromyalgia**
  - 13,886
- **Spinal Cord Disease or injury**
  - 5,283

### Registered Patients by Qualifying Medical Condition, June 2020

(116,497 registered patients some with multiple conditions)

### Sources

- State Board of Pharmacy and Medical Marijuana Control Program