



# Legislative Budget Office of LSC

## Medical Marijuana Patient and Caregiver Registry

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.

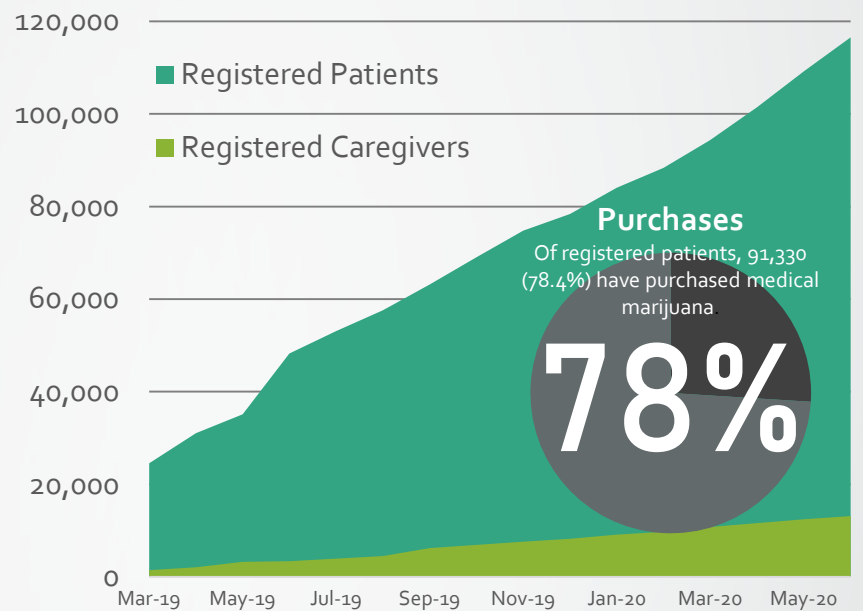
### 3 Steps to Legally Obtain Medical Marijuana

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%.

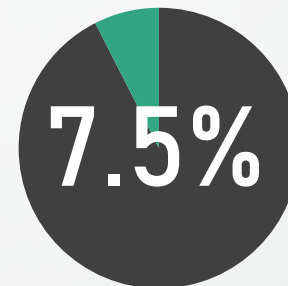
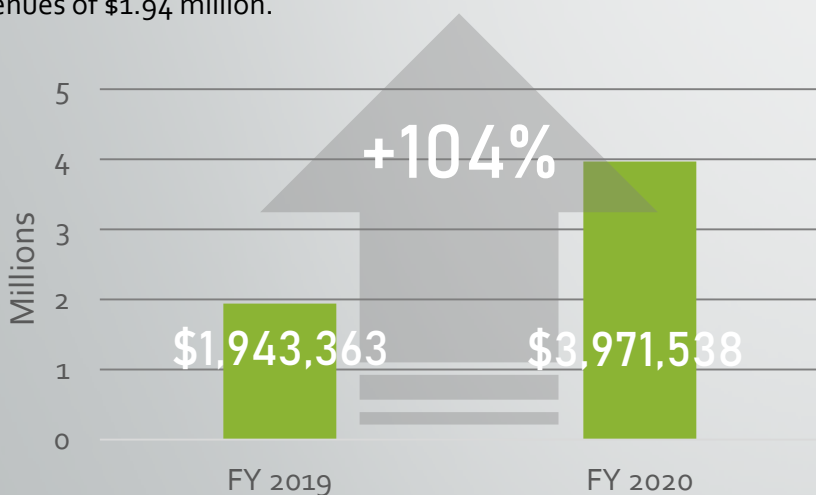
### Registered Patients and Caregivers



### Registration Fee Revenue

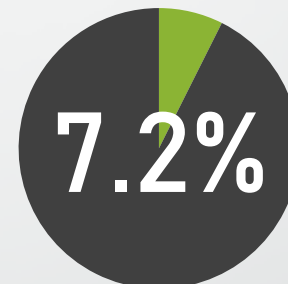
The annual cost of a medical marijuana registration is \$50 for patients and \$25 for caregivers. Patients who qualify for indigent or veteran status may be eligible for fee reductions. Proceeds from patient and caregiver registration fees are deposited to the Medical Marijuana Control Program Fund (Fund 5SYo) 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.



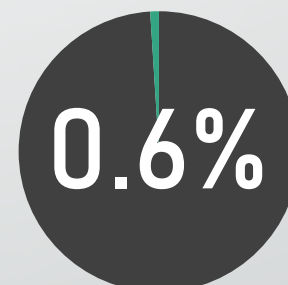
#### Indigent Status

As of June 2020, 7.5%, or 8,713, of registered patients qualify for indigent status. Indigent applicants are eligible to have their registration fee reduced by 50%.



#### Veteran Status

As of June 2020, 7.2%, or 8,349, of registered patients qualify for veteran status. Veteran applicants are eligible to have their registration fee reduced by 50%.

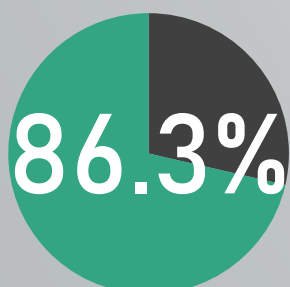


#### Terminal Diagnosis

As of June 2020, 0.6%, or 644 of registered patients have a terminal diagnosis meaning a qualifying medical condition for which a patient has received a diagnosis for a life expectancy of 12 months or less (6 months or less prior to June 2020).

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

(116,497 registered patients some with multiple conditions)

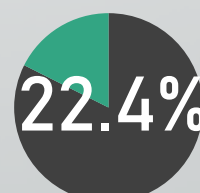


#### Pain

that is either chronic and severe or intractable  
100,473

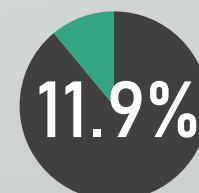
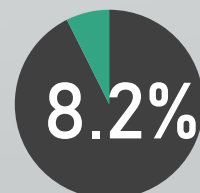
#### PTSD

26,146



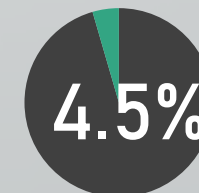
#### Cancer

9,515



#### Fibromyalgia

13,886



#### Spinal Cord

Disease or injury  
5,283

#### Other Qualifying Medical Conditions (Registered Patients; Percentage of Patients)

Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder (4,400; 3.8%), Hepatitis C (3,059; 2.6%), Multiple Sclerosis (2,986; 2.6%), Crohn's Disease (2,800; 2.4%), Traumatic Brain Injury (2,667; 2.3%), Glaucoma (2,217; 1.9%), Inflammatory Bowel Disease (1,835; 1.6%), Ulcerative Colitis (1,513; 1.3%), Parkinson's Disease (1,071; 0.9%), HIV (1,029; 0.9%), Tourette Syndrome (547; 0.5%), Alzheimer's Disease (307; 0.3%), Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (229; 0.2%), AIDS (168; 0.1%), Sickle Cell Anemia (150; 0.1%), Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (131; 0.1%),