



State Medical Board of Ohio Position Statement - Medical Conditions Covered by Existing Qualifying Conditions in the OMMCP

House Bill 523 of 131 General Assembly, effective on September 8, 2016, legalized medical marijuana in Ohio. The Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program allows patients with certain medical conditions to purchase and use medical marijuana. The patient must also have a recommendation from a certified physician to purchase and use medical marijuana.

In House Bill 523, the Medical Board was given authority to certify physicians to recommend medical marijuana. The Medical Board was also given authority to approve qualifying medical conditions in addition to the conditions included in House Bill 523 during an annual petition and review process.

During the annual petition period, petitions are filed electronically through the state's website, medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov. Per Ohio Administrative Code 4731-32-05, the petition must include:

- The name and contact information of the petitioner
- Specific disease or condition requested to be added
- Information from experts who specialize in the study of the disease or condition
- Relevant medical or scientific evidence
- Consideration of whether conventional medical therapies are insufficient to treat or alleviate the disease or condition
- Evidence supporting the use of medical marijuana to treat or alleviate the disease or condition and other types of medical or scientific documentation
- Letters of support provided by physicians

On February 10, 2021, the board's Medical Marijuana committee reviewed the petitions from the 2020 petition period and determined that three of the petitions submitted were already covered by the existing qualifying condition of *pain that is either chronic or intractable*. The three petitions were for complex regional pain syndrome, chronic migraines, and arthritis.

In future petition periods, if the board identifies medical conditions that are covered by existing qualifying conditions in the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program (OMMCP), the conditions will be added to the list below.

Conditions the board has considered to be covered by an existing qualifying condition:

- Arthritis (determined to be covered by pain that is either chronic or intractable, February 2021)
- Chronic Migraines (determined to be covered by pain that is either chronic or intractable, February 2021)
- Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (determined to be covered by pain that is either chronic or intractable, February 2021)

Physicians must follow the standard of care requirements in [OAC 4731-32-03](#) for all recommendations for medical marijuana.