



**Ohio Marijuana Card CEO, doctors, and marketing team are available for interviews about what kind of medical conditions should be added to Ohio's program. To request an interview with Ohio Marijuana Card, please contact: [randy@ohiomarijuanacard.com](mailto:randy@ohiomarijuanacard.com)**

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## **Ohio's Medical Marijuana Program Now Accepting Petitions For New Qualifying Medical Conditions**

*Ohio Marijuana Card doctors are eager to see new conditions added to Ohio's list*

Cleveland, OH (November 1, 2018) — Medical marijuana has been legal in Ohio following Ohio House Bill 523, signed into law in fall of 2016. However, at the time of the bill's signing, a mere 21 medical conditions were approved for treatment with medical marijuana. That may soon change as petitioning to add additional medical conditions is set to begin on November 1, 2018. Ohio Marijuana Card is leading the charge to encourage marijuana advocates to petition for new conditions.

“So many of our patients have expressed that they want more medical conditions listed, “ Ohio Marijuana Card President Connor Shore said. “For example, anxiety, depression and insomnia are not among Ohio's qualifying conditions, despite being found on lists throughout other states with medical marijuana programs.”

From Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, 2018, the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program will consider new qualifying conditions. Patients, doctors and advocates will need to act fast, though, as the timeline for petitioning new conditions is tight, at just 60 days. The OMMCP has established the following criteria to have a new medical condition added to their list. They are as follows:

- Name and contact information
- 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

Petitions for adding new conditions can be found at the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program's website: [www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/condition](http://www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/condition)

At current, in order to qualify for medical marijuana in Ohio, patients must have one of the following medical conditions: chronic pain, post-traumatic stress disorder, cancer, glaucoma, fibromyalgia, Crohn's disease, intractable pain, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), epilepsy (and other seizure disorders), hepatitis C, AIDS and HIV, chronic traumatic encephalopathy, Alzheimer's disease, inflammatory bowel disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord disease or injury, ulcerative colitis, traumatic brain injury, sickle cell anemia, and Tourette syndrome.

Once a patient has determined that they qualify for medical marijuana, they must visit a state-certified medical marijuana doctor. This doctor examines the patient's previous medical records and performs a brief non-invasive examination. Afterward, if the doctor determines you qualify for medical marijuana, they will write a recommendation. This recommendation is sent off to the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy. After receiving your recommendation, the Board of Pharmacy issues a medical marijuana card to the patient.

"We've found that many Ohioans are suffering, sometimes from a myriad of health problems," Ohio Marijuana Card physician, Dr. Timothy Thress, stated. "These patients are seriously hurting and looking for alternatives to traditional Western medicines and dangerous opioids. Marijuana is that alternative."

If you would like more information about Ohio's medical marijuana program, or you are a patient with one of the 21 qualifying medical conditions, you can call Ohio Marijuana Card at 1-866-457-5559, or visit [OhioMarijuanaCard.com](http://OhioMarijuanaCard.com), to set up an appointment with one of their doctors.

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