WHAT ARE THE QUALIFYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT MAY BE TREATED WITH MEDICAL MARIJUANA?
Certified physicians may recommend medical marijuana only for the treatment of a qualifying medical condition. Under Ohio law, all of the following are qualifying medical conditions: AIDS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Alzheimer’s disease, cancer, chronic traumatic encephalopathy, Crohn’s disease, epilepsy or another seizure disorder, fibromyalgia, glaucoma, hepatitis C, inflammatory bowel disease, multiple sclerosis, pain that is either chronic and severe or intractable, Parkinson’s disease, positive status for HIV, post-traumatic stress disorder, sickle cell anemia, spinal cord disease or injury, Tourette’s syndrome, traumatic brain injury, and ulcerative colitis.

HOW CAN NEW QUALIFYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS BE ADDED?
The State Medical Board of Ohio established Nov. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2019 as the first submission period for petitions to add a qualifying medical condition to the Medical Marijuana Control Program. NO PETITIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFORE NOV. 1, 2019. During the 2019 submission period, all petitions should be filed electronically through the State’s website, medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov. A petition needs to include:
The 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

Under Ohio law, all of the following are already identified as qualifying medical conditions: AIDS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Alzheimer’s disease, cancer, chronic traumatic encephalopathy, Crohn’s disease, epilepsy or another seizure disorder, fibromyalgia, glaucoma, hepatitis C, inflammatory bowel disease, multiple sclerosis, pain that is either chronic and severe or intractable, Parkinson’s disease, positive status for HIV, post-traumatic stress disorder, sickle cell anemia, spinal cord disease or injury, Tourette’s syndrome, traumatic brain injury, and ulcerative colitis.

DO I NEED TO REGISTER?
Yes. All medical marijuana patients and their caregivers are required to register with the State Board of Pharmacy. Pot Card Online doctors take care of this process for you.

HOW LONG WILL REGISTRATION BE VALID?
A patient or caregiver registration will be valid from the date of issuance and expire one year later, on the last day of the month it was issued. If the patient is diagnosed as terminally ill, the patient’s registration will expire after six months.

WILL MY REGISTRATION STATUS BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE?
No. The law prohibits the Board of Pharmacy, as well as licensed dispensaries, from making personal identifying information public. Physicians and those employed by dispensaries will be able to verify a patient or caregiver’s registration.
WHERE WILL I BE ABLE TO OBTAIN MEDICAL MARIJUANA?
Medical marijuana will be available from retail dispensaries licensed by the Board of Pharmacy.

WHAT FORMS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA WILL BE AVAILABLE?
The following forms of medical marijuana are permitted: oils, tinctures, plant material, edibles and patches. The law prohibits the use of medical marijuana by smoking or combustion, but does allows for vaporization (vaping). The law prohibits any form that is attractive to children.

WILL MEDICAL MARIJUANA BE AVAILABLE TO MINORS?
Yes. However, a certified physician may recommend treatment with medical marijuana only after obtaining the consent of a parent or another person responsible for providing consent to treatment.

WILL I BE PERMITTED TO GROW MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION?
No. The law prohibits the cultivation of medical marijuana for personal, family, or household use.

HOW MUCH MEDICAL MARIJUANA WILL A REGISTERED PATIENT OR CAREGIVER BE ABLE TO POSSESS AT ONE TIME?
The amount of medical marijuana possessed by a registered patient or caregiver must not exceed a 90-day supply.

WILL I BE ABLE TO USE MY MEDICAL MARIJUANA REGISTRATION CARD IN OTHER STATES? WILL AN OUT-OF-STATE CARD BE RECOGNIZED IN OHIO?
The law requires that the Board of Pharmacy attempt to negotiate and enter into reciprocity agreements with other states. Before entering into an agreement with another state, the Board must determine that both of the following apply:
(1) The eligibility requirements imposed by the other state in order to obtain a registry identification card are substantially comparable to Ohio's requirements; and,

(2) The other state recognizes a patient or caregiver registration and identification card issued in Ohio.