



## **Clarification on Cannabidiol (CBD) Oil**

The Board continues to receive questions about cannabidiol (CBD) oil (derived from hemp or derived from marijuana). HB 523, which created the state's Medical Marijuana Control Program, made no exception for possession or sale of CBD oil. HB 523 includes CBD oil in the definition of marijuana, regardless of whether it is a plant extract or synthetic product.

All marijuana products, including CBD oil, can only be dispensed in a licensed Medical Marijuana Control Program dispensary. Those marijuana products will have to comply with the rules and regulations of the program. All products must have a known source, as well as known quantities of active ingredients. Testing procedures will be conducted by testing laboratories licensed by the Ohio Department of Commerce.

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy announced the award of 56 provisional medical marijuana dispensary licensees in June. All provisional licensees will have six months to demonstrate compliance with the dispensary operational requirements to obtain a certificate of operation. As the Medical Marijuana Control Program becomes operational this fall, the Board will continue to provide updates through the program's website: <https://www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/>.

Until dispensaries are operational, no one, including board licensees, may possess or sell CBD oil or other marijuana related products. Violation of Ohio Revised Code or Ohio Administrative Code can subject a licensee (person or entity) to administrative or criminal action.

