**PURPOSE**

To establish Ohio Living Home Health and Hospice’s position on medical marijuana use.

**POLICY**

Ohio Living Home Health and Hospice supports the patient’s right to use medical marijuana consistent with the provisions of Chapter 3796 of the Ohio Administrative Code, as approved and directed by his/her health care professional.

A registered physician can only recommend medical marijuana for the following conditions:

1. HIV/AIDS
2. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig’s disease)
3. Alzheimer’s disease
4. Cancer
5. Chronic traumatic encephalopathy
6. Crohn’s disease
7. Epilepsy or other seizure disorder
8. Fibromyalgia
9. Glaucoma
10. Hepatitis C
11. Inflammatory bowel disease
12. Multiple sclerosis (MS)
13. Pain: either chronic, severe, or intractable (difficult to manage)
14. Parkinson’s disease
15. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
16. Sickle cell anemia
17. Spinal cord disease or injury
18. Tourette’s syndrome
19. Traumatic brain injury
20. Ulcerative colitis

Medical marijuana can only be delivered in the following forms:

1. Inhalation of marijuana through a vaporizer (not direct smoking)
2. Oils
3. Tinctures
4. Plant material
5. Edibles
6. Patches

**PROCEDURE**

1. Ohio Living does not pay or obtain medical marijuana or participate in the patient’s qualification process.
2. Only registered patients and/or their registered caregivers can possess and obtain medical marijuana.
   1. The admitting nurse will note the patient’s registry identification number on registry card in the medical record or a picture of the card may be uploaded into the medical record.
3. A registered patient can designate up to two caregivers.
   1. Ohio Living employees are not allowed to be registered caregivers for Ohio Living patients.
4. Ohio medical marijuana has been made a Schedule II controlled substance under the law.
   1. The use of medical marijuana will be listed with all other medications in the patient’s Ohio Living medical record.
   2. Ohio Living clinical staff are not to handle, administer, or maintain counts of a patient’s medical marijuana.