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MEDICAL MARIJUANA INFORMATION BULLETIN 2020-03

Subject: OMMP Temporary Rules

The Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) is issuing temporary rules in an effort to reduce the hardships and burdens that patients and cardholders may be experiencing when applying to the OMMP during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The temporary rules are effective April 17, 2020 through October 13, 2020 or until OMMP suspends the rules due to the state of emergency declared by the Governor being lifted. OMMP will send out an announcement if the temporary rules are suspended before they expire. The temporary rules can be found on the OMMP [rules webpage](#).

A summary of the temporary rules are as follows:

- Accept government issued photo identification as valid if it expired in 2020.
- Accept an Attending Physicians Statement (APS) or medical documentation signed by the attending physician within 120 days of applying with OMMP.
- Any rule that states the applicant has 14 calendar days to submit documentation to OMMP is increased to 21 calendar days.
- Waive notarization requirements if required by rule
- Waive the replacement card fee if the patient does not have a caregiver and is designating a caregiver.
- Accept a reduced fee for an application if the applicant does not have proof of a current benefit that qualifies them for a reduced fee but received the benefit in 2020. For example, their OHP expired March of 2020 and is not yet renewed at the time they submit the application in April 2020.
- OMMP will continue to issue renewal notices to the extent reasonably possible if OMMP experiences staffing shortages, social distancing, or if emergency response efforts prevent notification in accordance with the rule.

OMMP would like to encourage those wishing to renew or apply for a medical marijuana card to apply online. Applying online will result in OMMP receiving your application faster and issuing your card quicker than mailing in an application. When applying online, a 30-day receipt is available for the patient to print after a complete application has been submitted, and the required application fee has processed (generally within 24 to 48 hours of when the payment is submitted online). OMMP will continue to process mailed applications.

To apply online

- Create an account and apply online at: ommpsystem.oregon.gov.
- Submit all the required documents.
 - [See the New Patient page for details.](#)
 - [See the Renewal page for details.](#)
- Once you have submitted a complete application, you can print your 30-day receipt.

Need help? [Check out the training and help resources for the online system.](#)

If you have any questions, you can contact OMMP at 917-673-1234 or email the program at ommp.info@dhsosha.state.or.us

Also, please see [OMMP FAQs for COVID-19](#).

All information related to OMMP can be found at healthoregon.org/ommp