



## CBD Oil

Effective September 8, 2016, [House Bill 523](#) legalized medical marijuana in Ohio. **The law makes no exception for possession or sale of CBD oil.**

Marijuana products, including CBD oil, can only be dispensed in a licensed Medical Control Program Dispensary. Therefore, **chiropractors are prohibited from administering, selling, distributing, recommending or providing advice regarding CBD oil** (derived from hemp or from marijuana).

The Board has fielded numerous inquiries from licensees regarding this issue. If you have questions regarding CBD oil, please contact the [Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program](#) for information. If you wish for the law to permit use of CBD oil, please contact your legislator.



## KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UP TO DATE

It is each licensee's responsibility to maintain current contact information with the Board. Current contact information is defined as an email address, residence address and telephone number, and address and telephone number for all locations where activities related to the practice of chiropractic and/or acupuncture are conducted. Any changes to contact information must be updated with the Board within 30 days of the change. (Post office box addresses are prohibited without disclosing the actual physical address of the residence or location where activities related to the practice of chiropractic and/or acupuncture are conducted.)

To update your contact information, log into your [eLicense.ohio.gov](http://eLicense.ohio.gov) profile using your email address and password and click **Change Address** on the **Options Button**.

## BWC Health and Behavioral Assessment Intervention (HBAI)

Effective July 1, 2018 the BWC implemented HBAI to help address cognitive, emotional, social, behavioral and psychological issues in an allowed claim. Under the HBAI, an assessment may be requested to identify barriers that are interfering with expected healing. Intervention services may be requested to address an injured workers' behavioral barriers or poor coping skills that are directly related to the physical injury claim. HBAI is not for mental issues.

Licensees may perform these health and behavioral assessments but may not perform the coaching and counseling services associated with intervention services.

### Common Assessment Screening Tools:

- ✚ Fear Avoidance Belief Questionnaire  
[www.advancedpracticept.com/docs/fabq.pdf](http://www.advancedpracticept.com/docs/fabq.pdf)
- ✚ The Keele STarT Back Questionnaire  
[www.myoptumhealthphysicalhealth.com/documents/Forms/SBST.pdf](http://www.myoptumhealthphysicalhealth.com/documents/Forms/SBST.pdf)
- ✚ Screener and Opioid Assessment for Patients with Pain  
<https://cabhp.asu.edu/sites/default/files/reiter-screening.pdf>
- ✚ World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule  
[http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/WHODAS2.0\\_36itemsSELF.pdf](http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/WHODAS2.0_36itemsSELF.pdf)

For more information, please visit the Bureau of Worker's Compensation's [HBAI](#) webpage.

## MANDATORY ELDER ABUSE REPORTING

Effective September 29, 2018, the list of individuals mandated to report suspected elder abuse will significantly expand and will include chiropractors.

A report must immediately be made to the local County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS) if there is reasonable cause to believe that an adult is being abused, neglected or exploited, or is in a condition which is the result of abuse, neglect or exploitation. *(Physical proof or other evidence is not required- it is not the reporter's responsibility to determine if abuse, neglect or exploitation is occurring - the local (CDJFS) or its designated agency is legally mandated to make this determination).*

**Defining Elder Abuse:** Elder abuse includes physical, sexual and emotional/psychological abuse, as well as neglect/self-neglect, abandonment and financial exploitation.

Ohio law defines an adult as a person who meets all of the following criteria:

- Is age 60 or older. (a few counties will provide services to those under 60 if funds are available.)
- Is handicapped by the infirmities of aging or has a physical or mental impairment that prevents the person from providing for his or her own care or protection.
- Resides in an independent living arrangement.

**Screening:** There is no uniform recommendation to screen for possible elder abuse, but there are many ways to integrate screening into clinical practice. For example, during a routine follow-up appointment or annual physical, simple questions can be asked about whether an individual feels safe at home or has concerns about their well-being. A number of validated screening tools and other helpful resources are readily available from the following organizations:

- [University of California, Irvine, Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse and Neglect](#)
- [University of Iowa Health Care, Department of Family Medicine, Elder Mistreatment and Elder Abuse](#)
- [Baylor College of Medicine – Pocket Guide on Elder Investment Fraud and Financial Exploitation](#)
- [National Center on Elder Abuse](#)

**Reporting Abuse:** reports should be made to the CDJFS, or its designated Adult Protective Services Agency, in the county where the adult resides. *(Reporters are immune from civil or criminal liability unless the reporter has acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose.)*

**For more information:** the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has published a comprehensive guide for medical professionals to understand elder abuse and their reporting requirements:

[Guide to Understanding Elder Abuse for Medical Professionals](#)

## STEM CELL THERAPY

The Board is seeing an increase in advertising for stem cell therapy/injections. **Licensees are prohibited from performing stem cell injections and/or instructing or directing other licensed healthcare providers to perform the procedure.**

Patients should be referred to an appropriately licensed health care provider to conduct a proper examination and evaluation to make the determination for the necessity of stem cell therapy/injections.

## State Medical Board Policy Statement

Massage therapists may now provide therapeutic ultrasound, diathermy and EMS according to a recent Policy Statement issued by the State Medical Board:

A person who holds a massage therapy license may provide therapeutic ultrasound, diathermy, or electrical neuromuscular stimulation services when acting as an unlicensed person performing the service under the supervision of a person acting within the scope of their professional license. The person who holds the massage therapy license should not be identified as a massage therapist when doing so and the service should not be held out to be massage therapy.

If you have questions regarding the interpretation of this Policy, please contact the [State Medical Board of Ohio](#).

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The current CE earning period is April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2020. Visit the Board's website for detailed information on earning CE.

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