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Medical Marijuana: Ohio Announces Expansion of Dispensary Locations

Client Bulletins

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Ohio has released application materials and information related to the up to 73 additional provisional medical marijuana dispensary licenses the state plans to approve in the coming months. There are currently 57 dispensaries in Ohio, which would bring the total number to 130 if all 73 are approved. Here are some key takeaways from the information released on the second round of applications:

- Application window: November 4, 2021 – November 18, 2021 (RFA II)
- Application fee of \$5,000
- Applications are site-specific – must have eligible property secured prior to application
- Up to 73 provisional dispensary licenses will be issued through a lottery process
- The state is divided into 31 geographic dispensary districts and the drawing will occur according to available provisional dispensary licenses in each district
 - Applications must specify the districts in which they are applying
 - No owner may possess more than five (5) dispensaries in Ohio
- Drive-Through Windows will be permitted
- Must include site-specific plan, professionally prepared survey, signed form from local zoning official, etc.

Benesch Law has an impressive track record for securing multiple licenses for Ohio medical marijuana applicants during the first round of applications – a much more robust, merit-based, competitive process. Reach out to one of our [Regulated Industry](#) experts to learn how we can help best prepare your business for the upcoming medical marijuana dispensary lottery process.

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