



## ONA POSITION STATEMENT ON MARIJUANA IN OHIO

The Ohio Nurses Association recognizes that the use of medicinal marijuana is beneficial in certain patient treatment scenarios. Our organization promotes best practices supported through ongoing research, and promotes access to evidence based therapies including those for patient conditions in which the use of medical marijuana has been proven beneficial.

ONA believes responsible legislation must allow access for medicinal marijuana only if evidence supports that marijuana produces beneficial results for patients with diagnosed medical conditions, and must include considerations that responsibly protect the public from harmful consequences. Legislation should include a process for monitoring of the drug, include provisions ensuring consistency in the manufactured product, and have a component to regulate access through a monitored prescriptive system.

Finally, ONA calls for the sale, delivery and marketing of marijuana to be responsible economically and that consideration is given to any unintended consequences on our entire population. Federal Trade Commission rules and regulations must be respected and protected to avoid limiting the economical benefits to a select group of individual interests.