

Pain Policy Report Card

2018



Ohio

Yellow

Pain Policy in Ohio

Cancer patients, cancer survivors and other patients with serious illness often need pain treatment. State laws, policies and regulations can affect whether patients get the treatment they need, and the quality of that treatment. The American Cancer Society (ACS) and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), working with the University of Wisconsin, have graded state pain policies as of December 31, 2017. The following are results for our state.

Points

Policy Definitions & Prescription Limits

5 out of 6

Ohio does well in this category overall but needs to acknowledge in state policy that standard medical practice includes the lawful, adequate treatment of pain when legitimately needed by patients.

Efforts to Assess & Improve Pain Treatment

3 out of 6

Ohio does fairly well in this category but needs to enact policies that acknowledge individual case characteristics should determine proper pain treatment.

Requirements for Treating Pain

5 out of 6

Ohio does very well in this category regarding policies that encourage integrative, individualized patient care while prioritizing the assessment of benefits/risks before treatment and monitoring benefits/risks during treatment. Pro-actively engaging in shared treatment decision making with patients would enhance the overall pain policy grade in this category.

Prescription Monitoring Programs (PMP)

5 out of 6

Ohio has a well-functioning state PMP but needs to put in place policies regarding the training of office personnel who input and access the data.

Total points

18

Green – Matches model policy **Yellow** – Making progress toward model policy **Red** – Matches 50% or less of model policy