

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

# Office of Compassionate Use

Low-THC Cannabis & Medical Cannabis



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**Implementation Webinar:** The Office of Compassionate Use conducted a webinar on June 14 providing a medical cannabis implementation update. To view the presentation, please visit:

[www.flhealth.gov/ocu/resources](http://www.flhealth.gov/ocu/resources)

**The Compassionate Use Registry:** The Department's secure, electronic registration system for physicians, patients and law enforcement will be available July 1. After it is live, the Registry can be accessed at:

[www.flhealth.gov/ocu/law-enforcement](http://www.flhealth.gov/ocu/law-enforcement)

**Medical Cannabis Growing in Florida:** Five of Florida's six dispensing organizations are authorized to grow medical cannabis. Medical cannabis cannot be grown legally by any other person or business.

Dispensing organizations must receive cultivation authorization, processing authorization *and* dispensing authorization prior to selling medical cannabis products to patients. Currently, no dispensing organization has been given clearance to sell to patients. *Therefore, there is currently no legal way for patients to purchase or possess medical cannabis in Florida.* **The Department anticipates product being available to patients by September 2016, however availability could occur as early as mid-July.**

**Florida Has Six Dispensing Organizations:** Approved dispensing organizations are the only businesses allowed to grow or sell cannabis in Florida. Aside from patients or their legal representative, dispensing organization employees are the only individuals allowed to transport medical cannabis. Florida's approved dispensing organizations are:

1. \*Chestnut Hill Tree Farm (Alachua County)
2. Grandiflora (*San Felasco Nurseries*) (Alachua County)
3. \*Trulieve (*Hackney Nursery*) (Gadsden County)
4. \*Knox Nursery (Orange County)
5. \*Modern Health Concepts (*Costa Nursery Farms*) (Miami-Dade County)
6. \*Surterra Therapeutics (*Alpha Foliage, Inc.*) (Leon & Hillsborough Counties)

\* Represents a dispensing organization that has received cultivation authorization

**Restrictions for Use & Administration:** Pursuant to section 381.986, Florida Statutes, patients are not allowed to grow cannabis. Patients are prohibited from smoking low-THC or medical cannabis. Patients cannot use or administer the product on any form of public transportation, in any public place, in their place of employment if restricted by his or her employer, in a state correctional institution, on the grounds of a preschool/primary school/secondary school, on a school bus or in a vehicle, aircraft or motorboat.

**For More Information:** If you have questions related to medical cannabis regulations, please reach out to the Office of Compassionate Use at 850-245-4657 and visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/OCU>