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Patient Count: 19,494**Ordering Physician Count: 874**

Medical marijuana was approved by 71 percent of Florida voters in 2016. During this year's special session, the Florida Legislature crafted Senate Bill 8A, to provide a framework for patients to access medical marijuana safely. The department is committed to moving as quickly as possible to ensure the health of Floridians and implement the bill once it becomes law. The bill becomes law upon the Governor's signature.

Dispensing Organizations: Approved dispensing organizations are the only businesses allowed to grow, process, or sell medical marijuana in Florida. Each dispensing organization must receive authorization at three stages, (1) cultivation authorization, (2) processing authorization, and (3) dispensing authorization, prior to dispensing low-THC or medical marijuana. Currently, six of the seven dispensing organizations have received dispensing authorization and are authorized to deliver statewide. Aside from patients or their legal representatives, dispensing organization employees are the only individuals allowed to transport medical marijuana. Medical marijuana cannot be mailed.

The Department is not accepting applications to become a dispensing organization or medical marijuana treatment center at this time. For more information, please visit the Office of Compassionate Use website.

Department of Health Approved Dispensing Organizations

Dispensing Organization	Authorization Stage	Locations
Trulieve	(3) dispensing	Tallahassee, Tampa, Clearwater, Pensacola, Miami, Edgewater, The Villages, delivery
Surterra Therapeutics	(3) dispensing	Tallahassee, Tampa, delivery
Modern Health Concepts	(3) dispensing	Miami, delivery
Knox Medical	(3) dispensing	Gainesville, Orlando, delivery
CHT Medical	(3) dispensing	Delivery
The Green Solution	(3) dispensing	Delivery
GrowHealthy	(1) cultivation	N/A

The Compassionate Use Registry: All orders for medical marijuana are recorded and dispensed via the Compassionate Use Registry. The Compassionate Use Registry is accessible online, with real time information to ordering physicians, law enforcement and dispensing organization staff. Patients and legal representatives may also access the Compassionate Use Registry to submit a Compassionate Use Registry Identification Card application, and check the status of their application.

Restrictions for Use & Administration: Section 381.986, Florida Statutes, prohibits patients from smoking low-THC or medical marijuana. This means that patients should not have whole flower as part of their order. Florida law does not allow for home grow of low-THC or medical marijuana.

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