



WEEKLY UPDATE – July 6, 2018

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) continues to focus on the health and safety of Florida’s families and is dedicated to ensuring patients have safe access to low-THC cannabis and medical marijuana. We are pleased to provide this weekly update on the DOH Office of Medical Marijuana Use’s (OMMU) diligent work implementing the many requirements in Amendment 2 and those set by the Florida Legislature in section 381.986, F.S. (2018).

OMMU by the Numbers

Patients in the Registry: 132,256*
Patients added since last update: 2,327

Qualified Physicians: 1,539

Approved Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers: 13

Approved Retail Dispensing Locations: 43

Amount of Medical Marijuana Dispensed This Week
(June 29 – July 6): 31,773,793 mgs

Total Inspections to date: 171
Total Inspections for 2018: 88

Processing Time for Complete Paper Application: 13 days

Processing Time for Complete Online Application: 13 days

Approved ID Card Applications: 109,163*
Card applications approved since last update: 2,358

Applications in Processing: 3,091

Amount of Low-THC Cannabis Dispensed This Week
(June 29 – July 6): 1,535,136 mgs

Total Employees Hired to date: 29

Implementation Updates

- **Low-THC cannabis and medical marijuana has been and continues to be available for qualified patients.** Patients may search for qualified ordering physicians using the new search tool on the OMMU Patients Page. **Patients can check the license status of their qualified ordering physician at any time using www.flhealthsource.gov.** Patients and caregivers may fill their orders at any of the 43 dispensing locations, or via delivery from approved MMTCs below.

*Note, not all patients entered into the medical marijuana use registry apply for medical marijuana use identification cards.

- The OMMU website has been updated to include new notices of rule development related to the regulation of medical marijuana treatment centers. You can access the notices [here](#).
- The mailing address for Patient and Caregiver ID card applications has changed:
PO Box 31313, Tampa, FL 33631-3313.

Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers

Name	Dispensing Locations
Trulieve	Tallahassee, Tampa, Clearwater, Pensacola, Miami, Edgewater, Lady Lake, Jacksonville, Orlando, St. Petersburg, Bradenton, Fort Myers, Gainesville, Vero Beach, New Port Richey, delivery
Surterra Therapeutics	Pensacola, Tallahassee, Tampa, North Port, Deltona, Orlando, Largo, Miami Beach, delivery
Curaleaf	Miami, Kendall, Lake Worth, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Palm Bay, Palm Harbor, delivery
Knox Medical	Tallahassee, Gainesville, Orlando, Jacksonville, Lake Worth, St. Petersburg, Fort Walton Beach, delivery
Liberty Health Science	Summerfield, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Port St. Lucie, delivery
Vidacann	Holly Hill, delivery
Altmed Florida	Apollo Beach, delivery
The Green Solution	Dispensing via delivery
GrowHealthy	Dispensing via delivery
Columbia Care Florida	<i>Processing Authorization</i>
3 Boys Farm	<i>Cultivation Authorization only</i>
Treadwell Nursery	<i>Cultivation Authorization only</i>
Keith St. Germain Nursery Farms	<i>Cultivation Authorization only</i>

Legal Updates

The implementation of Amendment 2 and section 381.986, F.S. (2018) continues to be frequently litigated. While some of these lawsuits have little impact on our progress, others – particularly those regarding the constitutionality of the law we are tasked with executing – have significant impact on DOH’s ability to implement certain requirements of section 381.986, F.S. (2018).

Home Grow	Redner v. DOH, et. al., 13th Judicial Circuit Case No. 17-CA-5677 <i>Court of Appeal reinstated the stay and noted that Redner was unlikely to succeed on the merits of the case. Redner appealed to the Florida Supreme court by filing a Petition to Invoke “All Writs” Jurisdiction. Florida Supreme Court issued an Order denying the petition to invoke all writs jurisdiction on May 25.</i>
Smoking Ban	People United for Medical Marijuana v. DOH, et. al., 2d Judicial Circuit Case No. 2017-CA-1394 <i>Court of Appeal reinstated the stay and noted that Plaintiffs were unlikely to succeed on the merits of the case. The lower court’s order is not currently in effect.</i>
Application Process	Bill’s Nursery, Inc. v. DOH, 2d Judicial Circuit Case No. 2017-CA-002411 <i>Order denying the Motion to Dismiss issued on May 24.</i>

MMTC Licensure	Nature's Way v. DOH Case No. 17-5801 <i>Recommended and Final orders entered by administrative law judge.</i>
Constitutionality of Rules	Florigrown LLC v. DOH Case No. 2017-CA-002549 <i>Hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Temporary Restraining Order set for July 19.</i>
Application Process	Patients and Producers Alliance, Inc. v. DOH Case No. 2018-CA-000336 <i>Case filed February 14, 2018 and has been assigned to Judge Dodson.</i>
Constitutionality of Law	Trulieve v. DOH Case No. 2018-CA-000698 <i>Case set for trial August 27, 2018</i>
Administrative Challenge to Application Rule	Del Favero v. DOH, DOAH 18-2838 <i>Administrative challenge to citrus preference in application rule. Awaiting final order from the administrative law judge.</i>
Pigford License Preference	Tingle v. DOH, 1st Judicial Circuit Case No. 18-CA-2092F. <i>Native American Farmer seeks qualification for Pigford license.</i>
Administrative challenge to Supplemental Licensure Fee Rule	DFMMJ d/b/a Liberty Health v. DOH, DOAH (no case number assigned). <i>MMTC challenges the supplemental fee.</i>
Administrative Challenge to Variance Rule	DFMMJ d/b/a Liberty Health v. DOH, DOAH (no case number assigned). <i>MMTC challenges the inclusion of employment changes in the variance form.</i>

General Background Information

Medical Marijuana ID Card Application Process: Once a patient has been diagnosed by a qualified ordering physician and entered into the Medical Marijuana Use Registry, they can immediately begin the identification card application process. The department encourages applicants to complete the process online as this decreases processing time. Patients receive an email from OMMU once their email is added to the registry by their qualified ordering physician which directs them to the application. Once an application is reviewed and approved, patients receive an approval email which can be used to fill an order at an approved MMTC while they await their physical card.

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

Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers: Approved medical marijuana treatment centers are the only businesses allowed to grow, process, or sell medical marijuana in Florida. Each medical marijuana treatment center must receive authorization at three stages, (1) cultivation authorization, (2) processing authorization, and (3) dispensing authorization, prior to dispensing low-THC cannabis or medical marijuana. Medical marijuana cannot be mailed.

For more information visit www.flhealth.gov/ommu