



## WEEKLY UPDATE – January 5, 2018

The Florida Department of Health's (DOH) top priority is the health and safety of Florida's families. Through the DOH Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU), we are working diligently every day to implement the many requirements in Amendment 2 and those set by the Florida Legislature in Senate Bill 8A and are dedicated to ensuring patients have safe access to low-THC cannabis and medical marijuana. We remain committed to moving this process forward, and will do so in an expedient and thoughtful manner. To keep the public informed of the latest updates, DOH will issue a weekly update on this issue.

### OMMU by the Numbers

Patients in the Registry: 65,310\*

Qualified Physicians: 883

Approved Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers:  
13

Approved Retail Dispensing Locations: 25

Processing Time for Complete Paper Application: 30 days

Processing Time for Complete Online Application: 20 days

Approved ID Card Applications: 43,178\*

Applications in Processing: 4,200

### 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 and caregivers may fill their orders at any of the 25 dispensing locations, or via delivery from approved MMTCs below.
- During the 2017 Special Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 8-A which included many changes to creating physician certifications for qualifying patients. Updates have been made to the Medical Marijuana Use Registry as required by 381.986, F.S. Updated user guides are available at: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/office-of-medical-marijuana-use/medical-marijuana-use-registry/index.html>
- On January 3, 2018, the Florida Medical Association and Florida Osteopathic Medical Association issued an updated 2-credit course titled Florida Medical Marijuana Course for MMTC Medical

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

Directors. This course addresses the current laws and rules that govern Medical Directors for Florida Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MMTCs). Allopathic and Osteopathic physicians who choose to serve in this capacity are required to complete this course and pass the post-test during each licensure term.

- DOH has created a new OMMU site for physicians. The site offers many resources for physicians who are authorized to order low-THC cannabis and medical marijuana in Florida. The site is located at [www.flhealthsource.gov/ommu](http://www.flhealthsource.gov/ommu)
- On December 20, 2017, the department published [Rule 64ER17-8](#), the Renewal Application Requirements for MMTCs. The rule was effective upon publication.

## Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers

Name	Dispensing Locations
Trulieve	Tallahassee, Tampa, Clearwater, Pensacola, Miami, Edgewater, Lady Lake, Jacksonville, Orlando, St. Petersburg, Bradenton, Fort Myers, Gainesville, delivery
Surterra Therapeutics	Pensacola, Tallahassee, Tampa, North Port, delivery
Curaleaf	Miami, Kendall, delivery
Knox Medical	Tallahassee, Gainesville, Orlando, Jacksonville, Lake Worth, St. Petersburg, delivery
Aphria	Dispensing via delivery
The Green Solution	Dispensing via delivery
GrowHealthy	Dispensing via delivery
3 Boys Farm	<i>Cultivation Authorization only</i>
Loop's Nursery & Greenhouses, Inc.	<i>Cultivation Authorization only</i>
Plants of Ruskin, Inc.	<i>Cultivation Authorization only</i>
Sunbulb Company, Inc.	<i>Cultivation Authorization only</i>
Treadwell Nursery	<i>Cultivation Authorization only</i>
Keith St. Germain Nursery Farms	N/A

## Legal Updates

*The implementation of Amendment 2 and Senate Bill 8A 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 Senate Bill 8A.*

Home Grow	Redner v. DOH, et. al., 13th Judicial Circuit Case No. 17-CA-5677 <i>Hearing took place December 20, 2017 and we await ruling.</i>
Smoking Ban	People United for Medical Marijuana v. DOH, et. al., 2d Judicial Circuit Case No. 2017-CA-1394 <i>Hearing has been set for January 25, 2018.</i>
Constitutionality of Black Farmers Provision 381.986(8)(a)2 F.S.	Smith v. DOH, 2d Judicial Circuit Case No. 2017-CA-001972 <i>Hearing took place on December 28, 2017. Judge Dodson granted the injunction.</i>

Constitutionality of Citrus Farmers Provision 381.986(8)(a)3 F.S.	Tropiflora, LLC v. DOH, 2d Judicial Circuit Case No. 2016-CA-1330 <i>Awaiting injunction hearing to be scheduled.</i>
Application Process	Bill's Nursery, Inc. v. DOH, 2d Judicial Circuit Case No. 2017-CA-002411
MMTC Licensure	Nature's Way v. DOH Case No. 17-5801
Constitutionality of Rules	Florigrown LLC v. DOH Case No. 2017-CA-002549

## 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](http://www.flhealth.gov/ommu)