



## WEEKLY UPDATE – March 16, 2018

The Florida Department of Health's (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 Senate Bill 8A. **This week, OMMU hosted two rulemaking workshops during which the department received helpful public comment from attendees. We look forward to our rule workshop and rule hearing next week.**

### OMMU by the Numbers

**Patients in the Registry:** 88,154\*

Patients added since last update: 2,169

**Qualified Physicians:** 1,225

**Approved Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers:** 13

**Approved Retail Dispensing Locations:** 29

**Amount of Medical Marijuana Dispensed This Week**  
(March 12-16): 11,126,435 mgs

**Total Inspections to date:** 139  
Total Inspections for 2018: 56

**Processing Time for Complete Paper Application:** 24 days

**Processing Time for Complete Online Application:** 17 days

**Approved ID Card Applications:** 60,958\*  
Card applications approved since last update: 2,309

**Applications in Processing:** 2,433

**Amount of Low-THC Cannabis Dispensed This Week**  
(March 12-16): 691,908 mgs

**Total Employees Hired to date:** 27

### 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 29 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.

- This week, the department hosted two public rule workshops. The workshops focused on rules regarding standards for production of edibles and dosing for both low-THC cannabis and medical marijuana. We received a lot of meaningful public input. If you were unable to attend and wish to comment, click [here](#).
- Next week, the department will host one rule workshop and one rule hearing, with the former in Jacksonville regarding testing lab certifications and testing standards, and the latter in Tallahassee regarding pesticide use. For more information click [here](#).
- In April, we currently have two workshops scheduled to discuss many rules related to MMTCs. The first is scheduled for April 6 and the second for April 13, both in Tallahassee. For more information click [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, delivery
Surterra Therapeutics	Pensacola, Tallahassee, Tampa, North Port, Deltona, delivery
Curaleaf	Miami, Kendall, Lake Worth, delivery
Knox Medical	Tallahassee, Gainesville, Orlando, Jacksonville, Lake Worth, St. Petersburg, delivery
Liberty Health Science	Summerfield, delivery
The Green Solution	Dispensing via delivery
GrowHealthy	Dispensing via delivery
3 Boys Farm	<i>Cultivation Authorization only</i>
Vidacann	<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	<i>Cultivation Authorization only</i>

## 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 <a href="#">Motion to dismiss was denied on January 24, 2018; case to go to trial. Bench Trial set for March 21</a>
Smoking Ban	People United for Medical Marijuana v. DOH, et. al., 2d Judicial Circuit Case No. 2017-CA-1394

	<i>Hearing took place January 25, 2018. Judge Gievers dismissed the association plaintiff, People United for Medical Marijuana, but denied the motion to dismiss the individual plaintiffs. Bench trial set for May 16.</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. Pending consolidation with Bill’s Nursery case. Judge Dodson denied motion to consolidate with Bills Nursery case.</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 <i>Hearing regarding motion to consolidate with Smith v. DOH was scheduled for February 2, 2018. At the request of Bill’s Nursery, Inc. Consolidation denied pending hearing date for motion to dismiss.</i>
MMTC Licensure	Nature’s Way v. DOH Case No. 17-5801 <i>Hearing scheduled for January 29, 2018 did not occur and was continued at the request of Nature’s Way. Hearing set for March 28.</i>
Constitutionality of Rules	Florigrown LLC v. DOH Case No. 2017-CA-002549 <i>Case filed February 13, 2018 and has been assigned to Judge Gievers.</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>

## 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)