



WEEKLY UPDATE – May 4, 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). **This week the department published five notices of proposed rules that make improvements to the Medical Marijuana Treatment Center application and licensing processes.**

OMMU by the Numbers

Patients in the Registry: 106,348*
Patients added since last update: 2,888

Qualified Physicians: 1,327

Approved Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers: 13

Approved Retail Dispensing Locations: 34

Amount of Medical Marijuana Dispensed This Week
(April 27-May 4): 25,292,939 mgs

Total Inspections to date: 152
Total Inspections for 2018: 69

Processing Time for Complete Paper Application: 18 days

Processing Time for Complete Online Application: 16 days

Approved ID Card Applications: 80,929*
Card applications approved since last update: 2,830

Applications in Processing: 2,818

Amount of Low-THC Cannabis Dispensed This Week
(April 27-May 4): 1,419,331 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

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

the 34 dispensing locations, or via delivery from approved MMTCs below.

- This week OMMU published five additional Notices of Proposed Rules 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.

- The OMMU Registry Identification Card design has been updated. Previous versions of the card are still valid, however, new cards issued are as shown below:



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, delivery
Surterra Therapeutics	Pensacola, Tallahassee, Tampa, North Port, Deltona, Orlando, delivery
Curaleaf	Miami, Kendall, Lake Worth, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, 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 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.</i>
Smoking Ban	People United for Medical Marijuana v. DOH, et. al., 2d Judicial Circuit Case No. 2017-CA-1394 <i>Bench trial set for May 16, 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>This case has been voluntarily dismissed by Smith.</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>This case has been voluntarily dismissed by Tropiflora, LLC.</i>
Application Process	Bill’s Nursery, Inc. v. DOH, 2d Judicial Circuit Case No. 2017-CA-002411 <i>Pending hearing on Motion to Dismiss.</i>
MMTC Licensure	Nature’s Way v. DOH Case No. 17-5801 <i>Hearing concluded pending proposed recommended orders by parties and issuance of recommended order by the administrative law judge.</i>
Constitutionality of Rules	Florigrown LLC v. DOH Case No. 2017-CA-002549 <i>Pending ruling on Motion to Dismiss.</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 filed April 2, 2018.</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