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## MORE MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSES WILL INCREASE ACCESS



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**Tallahassee, Fla.**— The Florida Department of Health is committed to ensuring qualified patients have safe, reliable access to low-THC cannabis and medical marijuana. In an effort to continue to expand availability of this treatment, the department will accept applications for registration as a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MMTC) through a new rule. This new rule addresses the Pigford Class License and the four additional licenses available upon reaching 100,000 patients, as outlined by the Florida Legislature in 2017.

Due to ongoing litigation, the department cannot issue the remaining two licenses outlined by the legislature during 2017's special session. Today, the department awarded a license to Nature's Way as part of a settlement agreement to end litigation.

The new licenses are being issued because the law allows four more treatment centers once Florida reaches 100,000 qualified, active patients. Florida currently has a total of 135,701 patients in the registry and 101,590 qualified, active patients.

The rule is available for review [here](#). The department will be hosting a rule workshop to take public input on the proposed language. The public can also provide written comment online [here](#).

The department continues to focus on the health and safety of Florida's families and is dedicated to ensuring patients have safe access to medicine. Patients can learn about qualified conditions, search for a qualified physician, apply for an ID card, and find a dispensing locations at [www.flhealth.gov/ommu](http://www.flhealth.gov/ommu).

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