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Florida Has Six Dispensing Organizations: A dispensing organization is a business that is allowed to grow, process, and sell medical cannabis to patients. Approved dispensing organizations are the only businesses allowed to grow or sell cannabis in Florida. Besides patients or their legal representative, dispensing organization employees are the only individuals allowed to transport medical cannabis. Florida's approved dispensing organizations are:

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| 1. Chestnut Hill Tree Farm | (Alachua County) |
| 2. Grandiflora (<i>San Felasco Nurseries</i>) | (Alachua County) |
| 3. Trulieve (<i>Hackney Nursery</i>) | (Gadsden County) |
| 4. Knox Nursery | (Orange County) |
| 5. Modern Health Concepts (<i>Costa Nursery Farms</i>) | (Miami-Dade County) |
| 6. Surterra Therapeutics (<i>Alpha Foliage, Inc.</i>) | (Leon & Hillsborough Counties) |

Medical Cannabis Is Legally Growing in Florida: Four of Florida's dispensing organizations are authorized to grow medical cannabis. Medical cannabis is now authorized to grow in Gadsden County (Hackney Nursery), Leon County (Alpha-Surterra), Hillsborough County (Alpha – Surterra), Miami-Dade County (Costa Nursery Farms) and Knox Nursery (Orange County). We anticipate the remaining dispensing organizations to gain cultivation authorization soon. Medical cannabis cannot be grown legally by any other person or business. Patients are not allowed to grow cannabis under section 381.986, Florida Statutes.

There Is Currently No Way to Legally Buy Medical Cannabis in Florida: Dispensing organizations must have final clearance from the Florida Department of Health to begin selling medical cannabis products to patients. No dispensing organization has been given clearance to sell to patients. Therefore, there is currently no legal way for patients to purchase or possess medical cannabis in Florida. **The Florida Department of Health will alert law enforcement when it has approved dispensaries to begin selling medical cannabis to patients.**

Medical Cannabis Will Be Available in Florida by September: Dispensing organizations approved to grow medical cannabis are required by Florida Administrative Code rule 64-4.005, to begin selling to patients within 210 days of being granted cultivation authorization. The Department anticipates product being available this September, however dispensing organizations could begin dispensing to patients as early as June.

For More Information: If you have questions related to cannabis regulations, please reach out to the Office of Compassionate Use at (850) 245-4274 and visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/OCU>