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Amendment 2 Implementation: The Florida Department of Health, physicians, dispensing organizations, and patients are bound by existing law and rule, including Amendment 2 and section 381.986, Florida Statutes. It is incumbent on the qualified ordering physician to follow the law when diagnosing patients and determining if medical marijuana is an appropriate treatment. Following Amendment 2’s effective date, the Department is directed to promulgate rules to implement Amendment 2 within six months, and to implement those regulations within nine months. Therefore, DOH has begun the rulemaking process as directed in the voter approved amendment.

Department of Health Approved Dispensing Organizations		
Dispensing Organization	Authorization Stage	Locations
Trulieve	(3) dispensing	Tallahassee, Clearwater, delivery
Surterra Therapeutics	(3) dispensing	Tampa, delivery
Modern Health Concepts	(3) dispensing	Miami-Dade, delivery
Knox Medical	(3) dispensing	Delivery
CHT Medical	(3) dispensing	Delivery
The Green Solution	(1) cultivating	N/A
GrowHealthy	N/A	N/A

Florida’s Six Dispensing Organizations: These approved dispensing organizations are the only businesses allowed to grow, process, or sell medical marijuana in Florida. Each dispensing organization must receive authorization at three stages, (1) cultivation authorization, (2) processing authorization, and (3) dispensing authorization, prior to dispensing low-THC or medical marijuana. Currently, five of the seven dispensing organizations have received dispensing authorization and are authorized to deliver statewide. Aside from patients or their legal representatives, dispensing organization employees are the only individuals allowed to transport medical marijuana. Medical marijuana cannot be mailed.

The Compassionate Use Registry: The Department of Health’s secure, electronic registration system for physicians, patients and legal representatives is available. There are no paper prescriptions for an authorized order of low-THC or medical marijuana. All orders of medical marijuana are recorded and dispensed via the Compassionate Use Registry. The Compassionate Use Registry is accessible to ordering physicians, law enforcement, dispensing organization staff, and Office of Compassionate Use staff.

Restrictions for Use & Administration: Section 381.986, Florida Statutes, prohibits patients from smoking low-THC or medical marijuana. This means that patients will not have any whole flower as part of their qualified order. Patients cannot use or administer the product on any form of public transportation, in any public place, place of employment if restricted by his or her employer, state correctional institution, on the grounds of a preschool/primary school/secondary school, on a school bus or in a vehicle, aircraft or motorboat. Florida law does not allow for home grow of low-THC or medical marijuana.

For More Information: If you have questions related to medical marijuana regulations, please reach out to the Office of Compassionate Use at 850-245-4657 and visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/OCU>