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Rule Implementation: The Department has received several questions from law enforcement regarding the recent legislative session. Amendment 2 directed the department to promulgate rules within 6 months and begin implementing them within 9 months from the effective date, January 3. Given the tight timeframe, the department began the rulemaking process in January. On Jan. 17, we published proposed rules. We held 5 workshops in February and received extensive public comment.

The Amendment neither prohibited nor directed the legislature to pass legislation related to the implementation. Though the legislature did take up implementing bills related to medical marijuana recently, they did not pass legislation this session. The Department will continue to work towards promulgating rules to implement Amendment 2. We are carefully considering all public comment submitted either verbally or in writing. The department is committed to quickly moving through the rulemaking process to create a regulatory structure for Amendment 2.

Department of Health Approved Dispensing Organizations		
Dispensing Organization	Authorization Stage	Locations
Trulieve	(3) dispensing	Tallahassee, Tampa, Clearwater, Pensacola, Miami, 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	(3) dispensing	Delivery
GrowHealthy	(1) cultivation	N/A

Florida’s Seven 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, six 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 Department is not accepting applications to become a dispensing organization or medical marijuana treatment center at this time. For more information, please visit the Office of Compassionate Use website.

The Compassionate Use Registry: All orders of medical marijuana are recorded and dispensed via the Compassionate Use Registry. The Compassionate Use Registry is accessible online, with real time information to ordering physicians, law enforcement and dispensing organization staff. There are no paper prescriptions for an authorized order of low-THC or medical marijuana.

Restrictions for Use & Administration: Section 381.986, Florida Statutes, prohibits patients from smoking low-THC or medical marijuana. This means that patients should not have whole flower as part of their 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>