

MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM IN FLORIDA: HISTORY AND DEFINITIONS

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In 2016, Florida implemented the Compassionate Medical Use Act, also known as Amendment 2. This allows patients with a qualifying condition to use medical marijuana after receiving certification from an authorized medical marijuana physician.

OMMU

Established by the Florida Department of Health, the Office for Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU) is charged with writing and implementing the Department of Health's rules for medical marijuana; overseeing the statewide Medical Marijuana Use Registry; licensing Florida businesses to cultivate, process and dispense medical marijuana; and certifying marijuana testing laboratories.

MMUR

The Medical Marijuana Use Registry (MMUR) is a secure, electronic, online database for the registration of qualified physicians and patients and their orders.

It is accessible by patients, qualified physicians, law enforcement, medical marijuana treatment center staff and Office of Medical Marijuana Use staff.

MMTCs

Often called dispensaries, licensed Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MMTCs) are the only businesses in Florida authorized to dispense medical marijuana and low-THC cannabis to qualified patients and caregivers.

CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN

A physician who is authorized to order low-THC cannabis, medical marijuana or cannabis delivery devices for qualifying patients. *A list of certifying physicians can be located at knowthefactsmmj.com.*

CONDITIONS

To be eligible for medical marijuana in Florida, you must have one of the following qualifying medical conditions or symptoms:

- Cancer
- Epilepsy
- Glaucoma
- HIV/AIDS
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
- Crohn's Disease
- Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
- Parkinson's Disease
- Medical condition comparable to those listed
- Terminal condition diagnosed by a physician other than the qualified physician issuing the physician certification
- Chronic nonmalignant pain caused by a qualifying medical condition or that originates from a qualifying medical condition and persists beyond the usual course of that qualifying medical condition

To learn more, please visit the Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU) at knowthefactsmmj.com