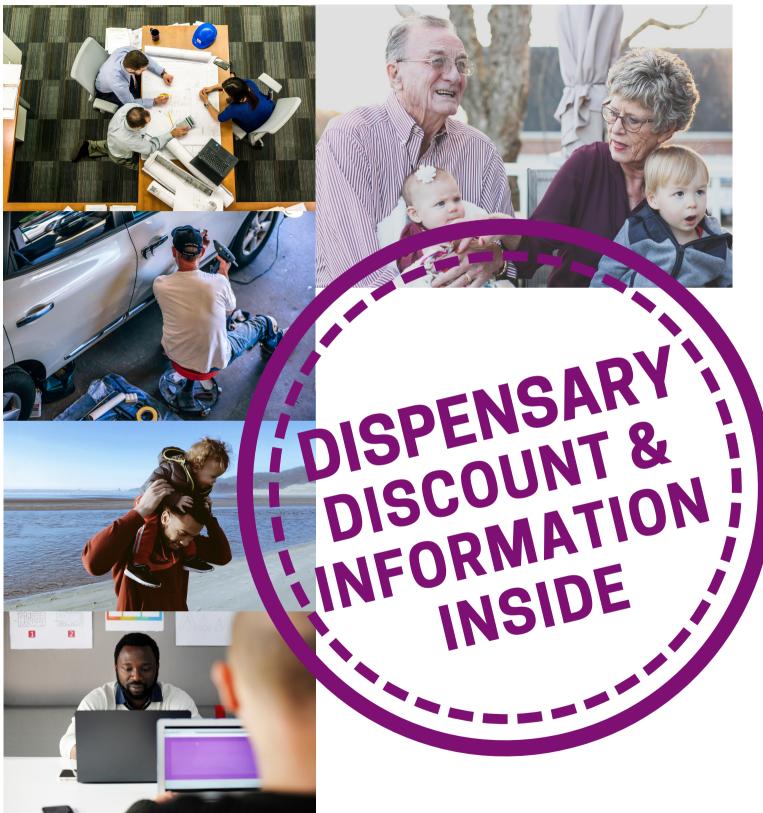
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THE BASICS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN FLORIDA



STEP 1:

Schedule your qualification appointment with a doctor certified to recommend medical marijuana.

STEP 2:

Apply for your medical marijuana Registry Identification Card with an electronic or paper application.





STEP 3:

Go to the licensed dispensary of your choice to pick up your medication or have it delivered.

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Welcome to Medical Marijuana Treatment Clinics of Florida

MMTC connects physicians, pharmacists, medical marijuana leaders, and patients to provide you or your loved one the best care in the industry. Our primary focus is to guide patients looking for cannabis based alternative treatments to improve their quality of life, reduce symptoms, and raise their overall sense of wellness. Our staff is dedicated to support through professionalism, compassion, and education. We accomplish this in a manner which complies with state laws, local ordinances, and medical board guidelines. These core principles allow our patients continued access to Florida's system of compassionate care.

At MMTC we recommend only the highest quality products from organizations that can demonstrate a true dedication to quality assurance and product consistency. We offer our patients unlimited phone support at no charge, connecting you with trained Patient Care Coordinators who can answer questions, help you navigate the Registry, check your order status, and get you in touch with your provider for adjustments. We pride ourselves in being able to offer a wealth of medical cannabis education, information, and resources to physicians, practitioners, pharmacists, and patients.

To see what our patients have said about their experiences with medical marijuana and MMTC, or to contribute please visit MMTCFL.com/testimonials



Affordable and accessible cannabis treatment

Next Steps: Completing your Electronic Application

To apply for a Medical Marijuana Use Registry Identification Card, a patient or caregiver must:

- 1. Be entered into the Medical Marijuana Use Registry
- 2. Complete an electronic or paper Medical Marijuana Use Registry ID application **Please keep in mind, electronic applications are processed significantly faster than paper applications
- 3. Once entered into the Medical Marijuana Use Registry, two emails from the Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU) should be expected:
 - a. Username confirmation i.e. E-mail address given at time of check-in
 - b. Temporary Password which you are required to change within a 24-hour period
- 4. Change your password within the OMMU site (<u>https://mmuregistry.flhealth.gov</u>)

Site Password Requirements:

- a. At least 10 character long
- b. At least one uppercase letter (A, B, C, etc.)
- c. At least one lower case letter (a, b, c, etc.)
- d. At least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.)
- e. Contains a special character (#, \$, %, !, etc.)
- 5. This grants full access to patient profile within the registry! Allowing for:
 - Completion of initial application
 - Yearly renewal application (Suggested to renew 45 days prior to expiration date on card)
 - Check the status of ID card and Renewal date
 - View medical cannabis and Low-THC recommendation
 - Track remaining order
 - See the countdown to card's expiration date
- 6. Required for completion of initial online application:
 - a. An approved 2x2 photo
 - i. The OMMU is now connected to the Division of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle's state ID system. IF there is a match to the information supplied by your physician, your state ID or Driver's License photo is automatically added to your application
 - b. Proof of Residency
 - i. Florida state ID
 - ii. Seasonal Resident must provide TWO forms that show proof of residency
 - c. Electronic Signature type FIRST and LAST name as shown on screen and State ID
 - d. \$75 processing fee + \$2.75 convenience fee = \$77.75



For assistance with your application or to check the status on your submitted application, please call: (800)808-9580.

For help completing your application: <u>https://knowthefactsmmj.com/patients/cards</u>

Application processing time is usually 10-14 business days. You will receive a temporary ID card via email that you can use to pick up your medical cannabis medication until your physical card arrives. **Be sure to check your spam!!**

Renewal Applications:

To maintain an active Medical Marijuana ID card, a patients and/or caregiver must annually submit a renewal application, along with the application fee and any required accompanying documents to the department forty-five (45) days prior to the card expiration date. Identification cards expire one year after the date of approval. The expiration date of the identification card is printed on the front of the card. Patients and caregivers many renew their identification card via paper or electronic application. If submitting paper application, please ensure the Renewal Application box is checked on the top of page 3 of the application.

Caregivers:

Patients who are minors must designate a caregiver on his or her application, and in the Medical Marijuana Use Registry. All caregivers must be added to the Medical Marijuana Use Registry and submit a complete application to the Office of Medical Marijuana Use to obtain an identification card.

To change, replace, or surrender your ID card:

In order to change, replace, or surrender your Medical Marijuana Use Registry Identification Card please fill out the Change, Replacement, or Surrender request Form found at https://knowthefactsmmj.com and mail it, along with the \$15 processing fee, to:

Office of Medical Marijuana Use P.O. Box 31313 Tampa, FL 33631-3313

All patients and caregivers must have an approved application prior to filling a recommendation for low-THC cannabis, medical marijuana, or a marijuana delivery device at a Florida licensed dispensary.

Card Expiration:

Your medical marijuana use card has one-year expiration. It is important that you pay close attention to the expiration date listed on your identification card. As a reminder, the Office of Medical Marijuana Use will send out an email reminder at 45 days, 14 days, and the day of expiration.

Affordable and accessible cannabis treatment	Completing your electronic online application	 Site password requirements: Is at least 10 characters long Has at least one uppercase letter (A, B, C, etc.) Has at least one lowercase letter (a, b, c, etc.) Uses a "special character" (#, *, I, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Has at least one number (1, 2, 3, etc.) Task how much of your order is remaining See the countdown to your card 	re a temporary ID card via email that you can use to pick up cal card arrives. <u>Be sure to check your spam!!</u>	ct the Omce of Marijuana Use at: (800) 808-9380 .com • twitter.com/mmtcfl • facebook.com/mmtcfl :dical marijuana, I got my life back."
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Medical Marijuana Use Registry ID Card

You must present your Medical Marijuana Use temporary identification or Registry ID Card to the dispensary in order to obtain medical marijuana or a marijuana delivery device. Your Medical Marijuana Use Registry identification card may also be used to assist in verifying that you are a patient or legal representative in the Department of Health's Medical Marijuana Use Registry. Law Enforcement, your recommending physician, and licensed practitioners may access the registry for verification purposes and to ensure proper care.

Your Registry ID Card does NOT give you the legal right to use recreational marijuana. Your Medical Marijuana Use Registry ID card and certification do allow you to purchase your cannabis recommendation from a state-approved dispensary. Please be aware that you may test positive on a drug test for marijuana by using medical marijuana or low-thc cannabis purchased from a dispensary which may not be acceptable to your employer or other entities.

Your recommended dose and treatment plan is individualized and each person may respond differently. It is important to start low and go slow as discussed with your provider. If you use recreational marijuana, alcohol, or other drugs along with your medical marijuana you may experience side effects that were not discussed during your visit.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Thank You,

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Patient and Caregiver Initial Application Instructions

Your Qualified Ordering Physician has entered your information into the Medical Marijuana Use Registry.

Step 1: Log in to the Medical Marijuana Use Registry at https://mmuregistry.flhealth.gov

Step 2: Navigate to the "YOUR CARD" menu option at the top of the page to view your identification card application



Your photograph is imported directly from your Florida Driver's License or Florida Identification card. If the photograph from your Florida Driver's License or Florida Identification card did not automatically import, please contact your physician and confirm they have entered your Social Security Number and Date of Birth correctly.

Step 3: Upload a copy of your Florida Driver's License or Florida Identification card under the Proof of Residence section. Click "Choose File." Select the file you wish to upload and click "Open." The document will appear below the "Choose File" button.



Step 4: Once you have submitted a current copy of your proof of residence, you must electronically sign your application. Scroll to the bottom of the page and type in your first and last name in the appropriate boxes.

Step 5: Click on "Submit My Card Application."

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Step 6: Click the button that reads: "Click Here to Pay Online," which will appear after you submit your card application.

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A \$2.75 convenience fee applies to each online payment.

You can also mail your payment by check or money order, made payable to the Florida Department of Health, to the following address:

Florida Department of Health ATTN: Office of Medical Marijuana Use P.O. BOX 31313 Tampa, FL 33631-3313



Print the confirmation of the payment for your records after finalizing your payment.

*Once your Identification Card application has been approved, you will then be able to contact one of the Florida licensed dispensaries and fill your recommendation.

Check the Status of Your Patient/Caregiver Application

Status Icon	Status Icon Meaning		
	Missing Information		
	This means part of your application is missing information. To complete your application for Office of Medical Marijuana Use review, add correct and current information for all "Missing Information" icons you see.		
~	Ready for Review		
	This means a part of your application is ready for review by the Office of Medical Marijuana Use. This icon appears any time you change or update a part of your application.		
	Rejected Information		
A	This means a part of your application was not approved. You need to supply the correct and current information.		
	Approved		
\checkmark	This means a part of your application is approved. In order for your full application to be approved, all parts need to have this icon.		

RENEW YOUR FLORIDA MEDICAL MARIJUANA CARD



RENEW YOUR REGISTRY ID CARD ONLINE

To maintain an active Medical Marijuana Use Registry ID card, the patient and/or caregiver must submit an **annual renewal application**.

- Step 1 Log in to the Registry
 - Step 2 Click "Your Card"
 - Step 3 Click "Renew my Application"
- Step 4 Click "Renew" to confirm
- Step 5 Supply Proof of Residence
 - Step 6 Electronic Signature
 - Step 7 Submit
 - Step 8 Pay online

ELECTRONIC RENEWALS ARE AVAILABLE 45 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE PRINTED ON THE FRONT OF YOUR CARD. MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE REGISTRY dentification Card Patient D#: P1234567 SamPLE CARON ANN, JR 123 MAIN STREET APT 1 ANYTOWN, FL 12345 DOB: 05/03/1970 EXP: 06/05/2019 Caregiver(s): SAMPLE, JOHN Care Giver(s): SAMPLE, JOHN Care ID #: 1234-5678-1234

For more detailed instructions, visit https://knowthefactsmmj.com



YOUR NEXT APPOINTMENT IS

For scheduling, dosage assistance, and questions call 850-906-5000 or email info@mmtcfl.com

Visit MMTCFL.com to see clinic discounts, free education events, directions, and more!

Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I get medical marijuana?



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Once you receive your registry ID card in the mail or temporary ID card via email from the state, contact the dispensary of your choice to pick up medication or arrange delivery.

How can I add a legal representative to my account?

Your legal representative must apply for a separate registry ID card and pay a \$75 application fee to the state. Visit https://knowthefactsmmj.com to view the caregiver application. Examples of a legal representative include a parent, legal guardian, health care surrogate, or an individual who is authorized under a power of attorney. If you would like a legal representative added, please contact us at MMTC.

Can I grow my own cannabis?

No. Florida law only allows licensed dispensing organizations to grow, process and dispense marijuana. It is important to remember that marijuana is still illegal under federal law.

I often travel out of state, can I take my medical marijuana with me?

Under Federal law, medical marijuana is still illegal. If traveling across state lines, be familiar with those laws first. Some states are beginning to offer reciprocity.

Will medical marijuana affect my ability to receive a concealed weapons permit? The state of Florida has provided no legal guidance on this topic. We recommend that you contact your legal counsel for additional information.

What is the status of my Medical Marijuana Use Registry Card Application?

According to The Office of Medical Marijuana Use, the processing time for an application is approximately 30 days. The Office of Medical Marijuana Use patient helpline can be reached at 800-808-9580 or medicalmarijuanause@flhealth.gov for application questions.

How do I use my Marijuana Use Registry ID Card?

Patients and legal representatives must provide their ID card to obtain medical marijuana or a marijuana delivery device from a licensed dispensing organization. Your ID card may also be used to assist in verifying that a patient or legal representative are in the Department of Health's Medical Marijuana Use Registry.

How do I renew my card?

To maintain an active Medical Marijuana Use Registry identification card, a patient and/or legal representative must annually submit a renewal application, along with the application fee and any required accompanying documents to the department forty-five (45) days prior to the card expiration date.

The application can be found at KnowTheFactsMMJ.com

Where can I find more information and updates about medical marijuana in Florida? MMTC posts regular updates on Facebook (/mmtcfl) and Twitter (@mmtcfl). OMMU Biweekly update: KnowTheFactsMMJ.com

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Medical Marijuana Use Registry?



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The MMUR is Florida's electronic database for medical cannabis patients which contains a virtual record of your physician's medical cannabis recommendation. Dispensary purchase records are logged within the patient's MMUR account and viewable by dispensary staff, physicians, and the patient or their caregiver.

Where can I view my recommendation within the registry?

Within 24 hours of your physician visit, each patient will receive an email from the Office of Medical Marijuana Use with instructions for how to log into their registry account. This will enable the patient to apply for their identification card electronically instead of by mail, if desired. It will also allow the patient to view the recommendation submitted by the physician. For more detailed instructions on accessing your registry account and for help with finding your username or password, visit https://knowthefactsmmj.com or contact the OMMU by calling 800-808-9580 or emailing medicalmarijuanause@flhealth.gov

What does my recommendation look like?

Your physician will place up to a **210 day recommendation** within the registry for you beginning on the day you were seen in the office. This recommendation contains up to three 70-day orders which each contain the maximum number of milligrams of product allowed to be dispensed during that seventy day period as determined by your physician. This maximum 70-day allotment will renew itself up to a total of three times over the span of 210 days. Each item purchased from a dispensary contains a set number of milligrams within the tincture bottle, vape cartridge, capsule etc. and is deducted from the total allotment at the time of purchase.

Each 70-day allotment is divided into a "Low THC Cannabis" quantity which includes CBDdominant cannabis and a "Medical Cannabis" quantity which includes THC-dominant cannabis. Within each of these two categories, the patient may have access to various ingestion methods. Options currently available for purchase include:

Smokable Marijuana: Flower

Oral: Tinctures, Oral Syringes, Capsules, Sprays Inhalation: Vape Pens, Nasal Mist, Vaporizers Topical: Lotion, Transdermal Patches **Rectal:** Suppositories

For more information on how your Registry recommendation appears and how you can view specific dosing guidelines, visit https://knowthefactsmmj.com

Frequently Asked Questions



Do I have to see my doctor to purchase more product?

Your provider will make a product recommendation for a specific item; However, due to the individualized nature of cannabis dosing, a patient is allowed to purchase product as needed within their 210-day maximum allowance.

How often do I need to see my MMTC physician?

Florida law requires that every patient be evaluated and recertified within the registry by their provider every 210 days (7 months). At MMTC, your follow-up visit will be once every 6 months to prevent a lapse in treatment.

How often do I need to renew my patient registry ID card?

The patient registry ID card is a process regulated by the Office of Medical Marijuana Use. An expiration date is listed on each patient's card at which time you are expected to either print a renewal application from https://knowthefactsmmj.com or submit the online renewal application via your registry account portal.

To avoid a lapse in card status, patients are encouraged to submit their renewal no earlier than 45 days prior to that lapse or delay. We recommend renewing at least 2-3 weeks in advance to avoid a lapse or delay. Updates to the renewal process are continually occurring, so please consult the link above for the most up to date requirement regarding fees, profile picture, etc.

How can a patient's caregiver pick up product from a dispensary in place of the patient? A patient is required to notify their physician's office of anyone they'd like to list as a legal representative. This person will be listed in the patient's registry account and will also be required to submit an application to receive legal representative ID card which can be found at https://knowthefactsmmj.com

Where can I learn more about using cannabis for my condition, CBD vs THC, and the endocannabinoid system?

- MarijuanaMedToday.com
- MedicalMarijuanaInc.com
- TheROC.us/research-library
- NicerNow.org/research-library
- Education events held by Florida medical marijuana experts, such as official Medical Marijuana Awareness Seminars (MarijuanaAware.com)

Your Recommendation and Cannabis Dosing Guide

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How to get your Cannabis Recommendation

Your cannabis medication recommendation will be placed by your physician on the Office of Marijuana Use Registry after your office visit. <u>No need to call the doctor</u> to make the request and <u>no hassle</u> with keeping track of paper prescriptions. Your medication order is waiting for you! All dispensaries in the state will have a copy of your recommendation and you can use multiple Florida licensed dispensaries for the same order, as they are all linked together. If you have questions, we're here to help!

After you receive the state's approval via email or receive your physical Registry ID card, you can head straight to the dispensary of your choice to pick up your cannabis medication recommendation. You can even contact a dispensary to arrange delivery! You will have access to your medication until your next scheduled follow-up visit.

Dosage Guide: A Personalized Approach

- "Start Low and Go Slow." When using cannabis as medication it is best to start with your recommended starting dose and stick with it for at least a week. You can find your starting dose by logging into your registry account or by checking with the dispensary. Most often, less is more! You want to give your body time to adjust so that you can get the most out of each dose.
- "Slowly Increase Your Dose." Your order that was sent to the dispensary will allow you to gradually self-adjust to the dose that gives you the most benefit. The appropriate dose of cannabis depends on both the person and the condition. You can gradually increase your dosage once per week until you find your best therapeutic outcome. We are always happy to help you if you have any questions along the way!
- "The Value of CBD and THC." For the best therapeutic outcomes, choose a cannabis product that includes both cannabidiol (CBD), a non-intoxicating component, and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).
- "The Entourage Effect." Using both CBD and THC in combination can enhance each other's therapeutic effects and improve your outcomes. Most patients do best with a combination.
- "Find your Dose." By gradually increasing CBD and THC together you can find the perfect dose for you. Each person is different, but the ultimate goal is to find the consistent and measurable dose that works best for you.

Patient Dosage Tracking Sheet

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CBD Dosage Form

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THC Dosage Form

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Sublingual	Product Name	mg/dose	_doses/day
Suppository	Product Name	mg/dose	_doses/day
Topical	Product Name	mg/dose	_doses/day

Combination Product (CBD:THC)

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Suppository	Ratio/Product	mg/dose	_ doses/day
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Your Recommendation May Be Filled At The Florida Licensed Dispensary Of Your Choice

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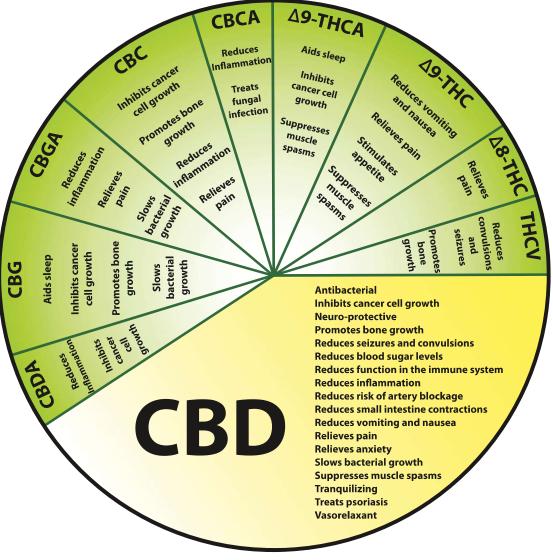
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Cannabis CBD vs. Hemp CBD

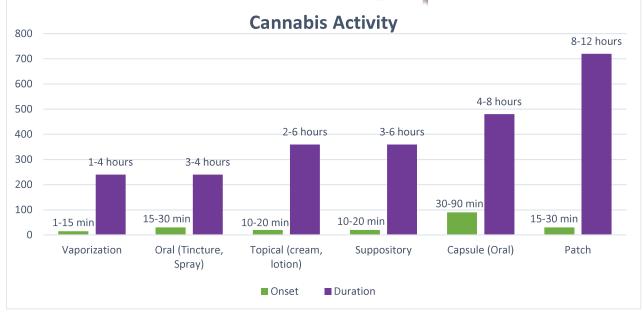
CBD (Cannabidiol) in its pure form is the same chemical whether it comes from Hemp or from Cannabis, but there can be a significant difference in the final product. Most patients respond better when using more than just CBD. The Cannabis plant contains 85+ cannabinoids and many of these are part of your final cannabis-based formulation. These key combinations, also known as the Entourage Effect, can bring more value than the isolated, individual components.

Florida licensed medical marijuana dispensaries are required by law to submit their products to a third party for testing and report the outcomes to the state. Patients can see if any pesticides were used and be assured that their final product is free of molds and other contaminants. Often, you can find this information on their website or request the report. Dispensaries are also required to demonstrate that the final product contains exactly what is stated on the label. You can be confident that the product you are purchasing is what the label claims!

At this time there are no labeling regulations for hemp-based products, so be careful when evaluating the hemp-based product you would like to use. Hemp is mainly grown for industrial purposes and is a known bio-accumulator, meaning that it sucks up a large amount of whatever is in the soil it's growing in. It is always a good idea to ask for a report that shows all the ingredients in the final formulation.



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Cannabidiol (CBD) is a cannabis component with significant medical benefits and is the non-psychoactive component of cannabis. Research demonstrates medical value in many conditions and is a key component of your treatment plan. Just a few of the beneficial medical properties include anti-oxidation, anti-inflammatory, anti-seizure, gastroprotection, and immune system support.

Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is a cannabis compound which has some psychoactive properties at higher doses. It is responsible for many of the therapeutic effects associated with cannabis use. Some of THC's therapeutic properties include reduction of nausea and vomiting, stimulation of appetite, reduction of pain and increase in muscle relaxation.

Terpenes are the aromatic components produced in the trichome or glandular part of the cannabis plant. Many terpenes have therapeutic properties of their own such as anti-inflammatory, analgesic, antioxidant, gastroprotective, antiepileptic, and sedative effects among others. Different formulations or strains present a different arrangement of terpenes suited for the individual patients desired effects. Many terpenes are not just specific to the cannabis plant but can be found in many food products and aromatherapy treatments.

Entourage Effect is a term used to describe the actions of terpenes, CBD, THC, among other cannabinoids and constituents of the cannabis plant working together to achieve a greater therapeutic effect than as a single cannabis component working alone.

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Smokeable Medical Cannabis in Florida

Governor DeSantis signed Senate Bill 182 into law on March 18, 2019, and the law became effective upon signature. The law allows a qualified physician to determine that smoking is an appropriate route of administration for medical marijuana.

For a patient to have access to medical marijuana in a smokeable route they must be under the care of a qualified physician. The physician must determine that smoking is an appropriate route of administration for the patient and the patient must sign the state approved consent form which outlines some of the risks and benefits.

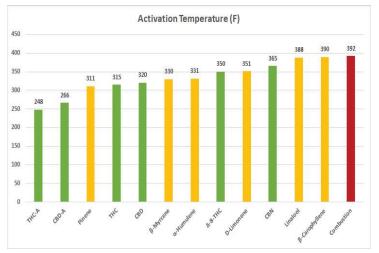
The physician will submit required documentation to the state that includes other routes of administration, if any, the patient has tried and the duration of use and effectiveness of those routes. In addition, they must submit research documenting the effectiveness of smoking as a route of administration. It is a good idea to keep a log or journal of the previous routes you have tried which will be helpful to you and your physician.

Why use the smokeable form of cannabis?

The cannabis plant contains 85+ identifiable cannabinoids and over 400 known components. Using cannabis in its natural form can preserve more of these components which in turn may work better for some patients. When the oils are collected from the cannabis plant and made into creams, capsules, patches, suppositories, sublingual drops, edibles, and concentrates some components may be lost during the extraction and formulation process.

When smoking cannabis, it is important to remember that burning or combustion will occur. Above 392°F, trace amount of toxins are released which grow in numbers as the temperature increases. Some patients may instead elect to vape the flower cannabis. This allows for the release or activation of important medical components from the flower while allowing the patient to control the temperature range to below 392°F, thus minimizing potential exposure to toxins caused by combustion.

In Florida, both pre-rolled cannabis flower and loose-leaf cannabis are available for purchase from the state-approved licensed dispensaries. It is important to note that Florida law requires that medical marijuana in the form of smoking purchased from a dispensary remains stored in its original packaging.



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Frequently Asked Questions on Smoking



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May a qualified patient/caregiver purchase and possess a marijuana delivery device intended for smoking?

Yes. A qualified patient and a qualified patient's caregiver are permitted to purchase and possess a marijuana delivery device intended for the medical use of marijuana by smoking from a Florida licensed dispensary.

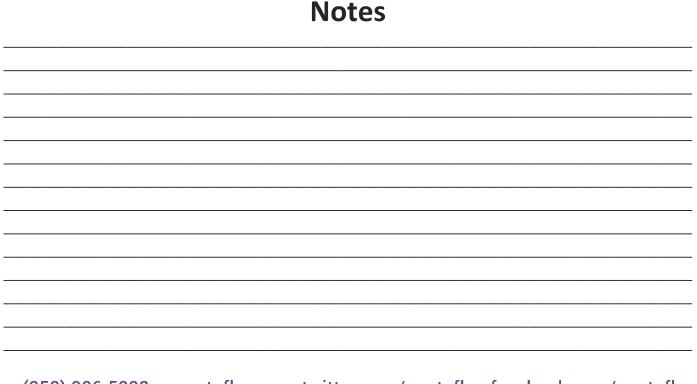
May qualified patients smoke medical marijuana in public or an indoor workplace? No. The law specifies that medical marijuana may not be smoked in any public place and prohibits the medical use of marijuana by smoking in an "enclosed indoor workplace" as defined in the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act.

May a qualified patient smoke medical marijuana on their own private property?

Yes. A patient may smoke or vape medical marijuana on private property as allowed by the property owner. The law provides that s. 381.986, F.S., does not impair the ability of a private party to restrict or limit smoking or vaping marijuana on his or her private property.

How much marijuana in a form for smoking may be ordered?

A qualified physician may order up to six 35-day supplies of smokable medical marijuana. A 35-day order may not exceed 2.5 ounces. Patients may only possess up to 4 ounces of medical marijuana in a form for smoking at any given time.







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