

Office of Compassionate Use

Low-THC Cannabis & Medical Cannabis

Physician Requirements

HOW IT WORKS

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A physician diagnoses a patient with a qualifying condition for low-THC or medical cannabis.
If the patient is younger than 18 or terminal, a second physician must concur and this determination must be reflected in the patient's medical records.

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The physician treats the patient for 3 months, and obtains voluntary, written, informed consent.

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The physician submits a treatment plan to the University of Florida College of Pharmacy each quarter or if the plan changes.

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The physician enters the order into the Compassionate Use Registry.

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The patient may fill the order at any dispensary operated by 1 of the 6 approved dispensing organizations.

Physician Responsibilities:

- Treat a patient for at least 3 months before ordering low-THC or medical cannabis
- Obtain voluntary, written, informed consent from the patient or the patient's legal guardian
- Submit a patient treatment plan to the University of Florida College of Pharmacy every quarter or if the plan changes
- Enter an order for the named patient into the Compassionate Use Registry and update the registry within 7 days of any change
- Order no more than a 45-day supply for each patient

A Qualified Physician Must:

- Have an active, unrestricted license under Chapter 458, Florida Statutes or Chapter 459, Florida Statutes.
- Complete the 8-hour CME course provided by Florida Medical Association/Florida Osteopathic Medical Association

Qualifying Conditions

LOW-THC CANNABIS

Non-euphoric with 0.8% or less THC

Cancer

Epilepsy

Chronic seizures

Chronic muscle spasms

MEDICAL CANNABIS

Full-potency with full THC strength

Terminal conditions

2 physicians must certify that the patient's condition is terminal within 1 year

Eligible Patients Must:

- Be diagnosed with a qualifying condition
- Be a Florida resident
- Be a patient of the ordering physician for at least 3 months

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