# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

# Office of Compassionate Use Low-THC Cannabis & Medical Cannabis

**Quick Facts** 

# **HOW IT WORKS**

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.

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

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

The physician enters the order into the Compassionate Use Registry.

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

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### **Compassionate Use**

Governor Scott signed the Compassionate Medical Cannabis Act of 2014 into law on June 6, 2014. The Act was subsequently amended by House Bill 307, which was signed into law by Governor Rick Scott on March 25, 2016. Under section 381.986. Florida Statute, qualifying physicians are authorized to order low-THC cannabis or medical cannabis for patients with qualifying conditions. Orders must be filled by a licensed dispensing organization.

## **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 strénath

**Terminal conditions** 

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

