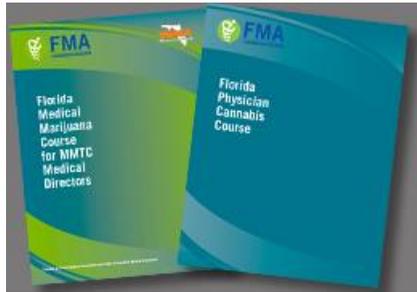


How to become a Qualified Ordering Physician for medical marijuana

To be a qualified ordering one must first have an active, unrestricted license as a medical doctor or osteopathic physician in Florida under 458 or 459 and complies with the education requirements of 381.986(3)



As of December 26, 2017 all physicians must take the 2 hour \$250.00 course and examination offered by the Florida Medical Association or Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, depending on your license type.

The course and exam can be found on the homepage of the florida medical associations website:

<https://www.flmedical.org/florida/>

You must re-take this course each time you renew your license if you wish to remain a physician qualified to order medical marijuana and low-THC cannabis.

If you are not a member of the Florida Medical Association you can still take the course. Every physician has an account with the FMA, to find your account you can use your license number and date of birth. If you are having trouble, call the FMA at: [\(800\) 762-0233](tel:8007620233) to receive a temporary login.



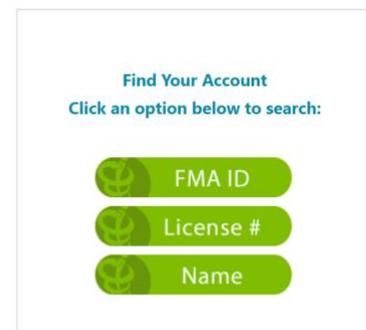
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Physicians ineligible to be qualified ordering physicians

- Physicians holding a restricted license
- Physicians that are employed by an MMTC or Marijuana Testing Laboratory, including physicians that are a medical director for those companies
- Physicians that have a direct economic interest in an MMTC or Marijuana Testing Laboratory
- Physicians that have any indirect economic interest in an MMTC or Marijuana Testing Laboratory

The Office of Medical Marijuana Use will publish a list of all physicians meeting these qualifications on its website as required under 381.986(10)(e). This list is published regardless of whether the physician has a profile in the Medical Marijuana Use Registry or has placed, or intends to place, any orders.

If you are having trouble with this process, contact Florida for Care to assist you!

What to expect as a Qualified Ordering Physician



As a qualifying ordering physician you will be responsible for authorizing your patient for medical marijuana, as well as inputting and updating your patients information within the medical marijuana use registry every 210 days. As well as obtaining voluntary, written, informed consent from the patient or patients legal guardian and keeping those on file.

In order to authorize your patient for medical marijuana, you will have to see them for an in person visit, where you will execute a physical examination, assess the patient's medical history, and diagnose the patient with a qualifying medical condition:

Cancer	Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
Epilepsy	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
Glaucoma	A terminal condition diagnosed by a physician other than the qualified physician issuing the physician certification
HIV/AIDS	
Crohn's disease	
Parkinson's disease	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
Multiple sclerosis (MS)	
Medical conditions of the same kind or class as or comparable to those above	

Once diagnosed, you will obtain voluntary, written, informed consent of the from the patient and enter them into the medical marijuana use registry. After the physician registers as the patient's certifying physician in the registry, the physician can enter the contents of the certification into the registry for that qualified patient. **If the physician wishes to make a change to the original certification for the patient, they must update the registry within 7 days of making that change.**

Find the consent form here: <http://flhealthsource.gov/ommu/#resources>

The physician can place no more than 3 orders for a maximum of 70-days per order as part of a physician certification for the qualified patient. Thereafter, the physician must issue a new certification, complying with all of the initial certification requirements and additional requirements required by 381.986(4)(d).

For subsequent certifications for the qualified patient which must occur at least once every 30 weeks (210 days). Where another in person physical exam will occur to determine if the patient still meets all the requirements to be issued a physician certification.

If the physician no longer recommends the medical use of marijuana for the patient, they must deactivate that patient's registration and the registration of any caregiver for the patient. Submit to the Board within 14 days after issuing the certification for the qualified patient documentation required under 381.986(4)(b). The Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine have created a form that is available for qualified physicians to use and submit to the Boards containing all of the required documentation.