

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

AGRICULTURE
Senator Rouson, Chair
Senator Bradley, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Thursday, September 23, 2021

TIME: 9:00—10:00 a.m.

PLACE: *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Rouson, Chair; Senator Bradley, Vice Chair; Senators Ausley, Boyd, Burgess, Perry, Polsky, Rodriguez, and Thurston

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Presentation on Racial Equality in Florida Agriculture by Dãnia Davy, Director of Land Retention & Advocacy, Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund		Presented
2	Update on the Status of the Medical Marijuana License for a Recognized Class Member of Pigford v. Glickman		Presented
Other Related Meeting Documents			



Dãnia Davy, Esq.

Director of Land Retention & Advocacy

Director of Regional Heirs Property &

Mediation Center

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land

Assistance Fund



Racial Equity in Florida Agriculture

Federation of Southern Cooperatives / Land Assistance Fund



Founded in 1967 by 22
cooperatively-owned
businesses



Nonprofit Association
of Cooperatives



Represents Black
farmers, cooperatives
& landowners



- Cooperative Development
- Regional Marketing System



- Agro-Forestry
- Regional Rural Training & Research Center



- Land Retention & Advocacy
- Regional Heirs Property & Mediation Center

Scope of Black Farm Land Loss

Acreage Loss: In 1920, the peak of Black land ownership, Blacks owned roughly **19M** acres. Today, Blacks own less than **2M** acres of farmland – a **90%** decline.

Farm Loss: In 1920, Blacks owned **925,710** farms. As of 2002, there were only approximately **29,090** Black-owned farms. This is a **97%** decline.

From 1993 to 2003, approximately **94%** of Black farmers lost all or part of their land.

This rate was **3** times that of White farmers for the same period.



Florida's Black Farmers

In 2012, **2,033** Black Farmers operated **1,602** farms composed of **109,583** acres total with an average of **68** acres per Black operated farm.

By 2017, Black farmers operated only **1,543** farms composed of only **90,340** acres.

This reflects a loss of over **19,000** acres in a 5-year period. Thus, Florida's Black farmers are losing almost **4,000** acres each year.

In 2012, only \$1,226,000 of the \$40,164,000 or **3%** of the Government Payments.

The average Government Payment to Black farmers is **\$4,539** per farm, but non-Black farmers receive an average of **\$10,158** in Government Payments per farm.

Per farm, Black farmers average **less than half** of the Government Payments that non-Black farmers receive.

Challenges Black Farmers Face

Disproportionate Debt & Inadequate
Access to Capital due to
Discriminatory Lending Practices
Limited Resources/Agri-business
Infrastructure
Fractionated Ownership Interests
(Heir Property Problem)



Essentials to Achieve Equity in Agriculture

- **Equitable Access to Credit & Improved Civil Rights Oversight on agricultural lenders**
 - **Debt Relief**
 - Promised but not provided under *Pigford* Settlement OR 2021 American Rescue Plan Section 1005 due to Class Action litigation
 - **Support for Florida Agricultural Mediation Program**
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Essentials to Achieve Equity in Agriculture

- **Dedicated Infrastructure Investments**
 - Regional Cooperative Development Center
 - Expansion of existing Regional Marketing System at the Federation of Southern Cooperatives that includes local and cooperatively-owned infrastructure.
 - **Dedicated Access to Agricultural Programs & Markets**
 - Industrial Hemp
 - Farm to Institution Programs
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Questions?

Contact



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SENATOR DARRYL ERVIN ROUSON

19th District

September 10, 2021

State Surgeon General
Dr. Scott Rivkees
Florida Department of Health
4052 Bald Cypress Way
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Dr. Scott Rivkees,

I write this letter to you today as a follow-up from my letter, dated June 9th, 2021, in regards to the *Florigrown* decision by the Florida Supreme Court, upholding the vertical integration of the state's marijuana industry. The letter also requested the Department of Health to expedite the rulemaking process so that Florida's black farmers and agriculturalists can become licensed in the medical marijuana industry.

Three months have passed since I requested this information be released and the department still is not following Florida Statute 381.986, requiring the department to issue a license for a recognized member of *Pigford v. Glickman*. 185 F.R.D. 82 (D.D.C. 1999), or *In Re Black Farmers Litig.*, 856 F. Supp. 2d 1 (D.D.C. 2011).” *Pigford v. Glickman*, the landmark class action suit from the 1990s, repays black farmers that were discriminated against in the 1980s and 90s. The Florida Legislature enacted this particular provision in 2017 so that the medical marijuana licenses in our state would have equity when it comes to the production, cultivation and sale of this medicine. The people of this state and the legislature deliberately spoke of the need of black farmers to be incorporated into the medical marijuana business.

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, I am inviting you, or your designate, to testify in front of the Senate Committee on Agriculture on September 23rd, 2021, at 9:00 AM. The committee will expect information on how the department plans to comply with Florida Statute 381.986 and expeditiously release information and rulemaking regarding the medical marijuana license for Florida's black farmers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Darryl E. Rouson".

Darryl E. Rouson
State Senator, District 19

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June 9, 2021

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Dear Dr. Rivkees,

I write this letter to you today due to the recent *Florigrown* decision by the Florida Supreme Court, upholding the vertical integration of our state's medical marijuana industry. The question in the case centered on Florida statute 381.986 and the number of licenses for medical marijuana producers.

Subparagraph 2 of that very same statute, states that "...the department shall license one applicant that is a recognized class member of *Pigford v. Glickman*, 185 F.R.D. 82 (D.D.C. 1999), or *In Re Black Farmers Litig.*, 856 F. Supp. 2d 1 (D.D.C. 2011)." *Pigford v. Glickman*, the landmark class action suit from the 1990s, repays black farmers that were discriminated against in the 1980s and 90s. The Florida Legislature enacted this particular provision in 2017 so that the medical marijuana licenses in our state would have equity when it comes to the production, cultivation and sale of this medicine. The people of this state and the legislature deliberately spoke of the need of black farmers to be incorporated into the medical marijuana business. Years later, the industry has expanded yet there is no equity.

Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "I think we must honestly face a fact if one gets behind in a race, he must eternally remain behind or run faster than the man in front." Black farmers deserve a stake in the state's burgeoning medical marijuana industry. As Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I am requesting the Department of Health to expedite the rulemaking process so that black farmers and agriculturalists can become licensed. Additionally, I would like an explanation of the licensing process and a timeline for licensure.

Respectfully,

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MARIJUANA Use

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH)
Office of Medical Marijuana Use
Low-THC Cannabis & Medical Marijuana

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Office of Medical Marijuana Use

Medical Marijuana Program Update

Christopher Ferguson

Director

Office of Medical Marijuana Use

September 23, 2021

Presentation Outline

- History of Medical Marijuana in Florida
- Authorized Use of Medical Marijuana
- *Know the Facts*: Florida's Medical Marijuana Program
 - Medical Use of Marijuana
 - Qualifying Conditions
 - Qualified Ordering Physician Requirements
 - Medical Marijuana Use Registry (MMUR)
 - Patient & Caregiver Application Process
 - Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MMTCs)
- Program Update by the Numbers

History of Medical Marijuana in Florida

History of Medical Marijuana in Florida

- **2014:** Medical marijuana was first legalized in Florida under the Compassionate Medical Cannabis Act of 2014. The act authorized a low tetrahydrocannabinol (low-THC) and high cannabidiol (CBD) form of marijuana for medical use by patients suffering from cancer or seizures.
- **2016:** The 2016 Right to Try Act (HB 307) signed into law, allowing patients with terminal illnesses access to low-THC cannabis and medical marijuana. Amendment 2 was also passed by Florida voters.
- **January 3, 2017:** Amendment 2, which created Article X, section 29 of the Florida Constitution, went into effect. Amendment 2 expanded access to both low-THC cannabis and medical marijuana for a larger list of medical conditions.
- **June 23, 2017:** Senate Bill 8-A, which implemented Article X, section 29 of the Florida Constitution by creating a unified regulatory structure, went into effect.
- **March 30, 2018:** House Bill 6049-Medical Marijuana Growers-went into effect, which removed from MMTC licensure requirement membership in the Black Farmer and Agriculturalists Association Florida Chapter.
- **2019:** Senate Bill 182-Medical Use of Marijuana-went into effect, which authorized qualified physicians to recommend marijuana in a form for smoking for qualifying patients.
- **May 27, 2021:** the Florida Supreme Court issued an opinion upholding the vertically integrated structure of MMTCs in *Florida Department of Health v. Florigrown, LLC*

Authorized Use of Medical Marijuana

Authorized Use of Medical Marijuana

Unauthorized Use

- Marijuana that was not purchased or acquired from a MMTC.
- Use in a manner inconsistent with the qualified physician's certification.
- Transfer of marijuana to a person other than and authorized qualified patient or the qualified patient's caregiver on their behalf.
- Cultivation by anyone other than an approved MMTC (no home grow).

Authorized Use

- Medical marijuana *and* low-THC cannabis under 381.986. F.S., for all qualifying conditions.
- Medical use is the acquisition, possession, use, delivery, transfer, or administration of marijuana authorized by a qualified physician.
- Medical marijuana is only provided through an approved MMTC.

Know the Facts:

Florida's Medical Marijuana Program

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- As Florida's **Official Source for Responsible Use**, the Office of Medical Marijuana Use is dedicated to offering the most current and accurate information regarding medical marijuana in Florida.
- Marijuana remains federally illegal, so it is critical that patients and caregivers understand the requirements of Florida law.
- The Office of Medical Marijuana Use's *Know the Facts* education campaign provides helpful information to ensure the safe and legal use of medical marijuana by you and your loved ones.
 - Know the Facts: Patients
 - Know the Facts: Physicians
 - Know the Facts: Legal Use
 - Know the Facts: Safe Storage

KnowtheFactsMMJ.com


Qualifying Medical Conditions

- Cancer
- Epilepsy
- Glaucoma
- HIV
- AIDS
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
- Crohn's disease
- Parkinson's disease
- Multiple sclerosis (MS)
- Medical conditions of the same kind or class as or comparable to those above
- A 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

Qualified Ordering Physicians

- Qualifying physicians must:
- Have a clear/active license under Chapter 458, or 459, Florida Statutes
- Complete the required course and examination provided by the Florida Medical Association, and Florida Osteopathic Medical Association
- Find a qualified physician using the online search tool: **www.KnowtheFactsMMJ.com**

Qualified Physician Search

 Department of Health FLHealthSource.gov Public Data Portal Search Home Site Help

Medical Marijuana Qualified Physician Search

Complete one or more search fields.
(Use fewer fields to produce more results: [See Search Help](#))

Specialty/Certification	-- Any --
Last Name	
First Name	
City	
County	-- Any --
Zip Code	
Status	Accepting New Patients

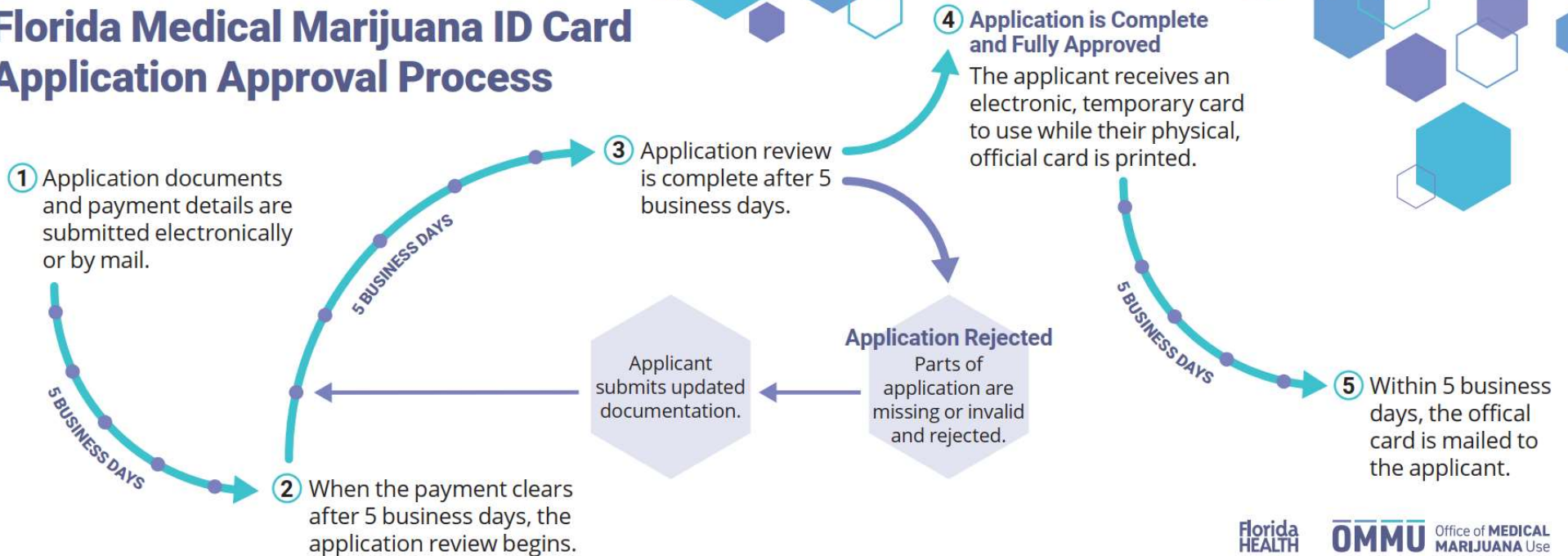
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Qualified Physician Requirements

- Conduct a physical examination while physically present in the same room as the patient, conduct an assessment of the patient's medical history, and diagnose the patient with a qualifying medical condition
- Determine that the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the potential health risks for the patient. If a patient is younger than 18 years of age, a second physician must agree with this determination
- Determine if the patient is pregnant. A physician may not issue a physician certification, except for low-THC cannabis, to a patient who is pregnant
- Review the patient's controlled drug prescription history in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program database
- Review the Medical Marijuana Use Registry and confirmed that the patient does not have an active physician certification from another qualified physician
- Register as the issuer of the physician certification for the qualified patient in the Medical Marijuana Use Registry and enter the contents of the physician certification into the registry, including: the patient's qualifying condition, dosage, the amount and forms of marijuana authorized for the patient, and any types of marijuana delivery devices needed by the patient for the medical use of marijuana
- Conduct an evaluation at least once every 30 weeks

Identification Cards Process

Florida Medical Marijuana ID Card Application Approval Process



Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MMTCs)

Florida's Medical Marijuana Industry

- MMTCs are vertically integrated, which means that each MMTC must cultivate, process, and dispense medical marijuana and low-THC cannabis
- MMTC Licensure Rolling Expansion:
 - By July 3, 2017, DOH must license any entity that holds an active, Dispensing Organization (DO) license under former Compassionate Use Act and which meets the requirements of s. 381.986, F.S.
 - By August 1, 2017, DOH must license any applicant whose application was scored but denied a license by DOH under the Compassionate Use Act, and which had an ongoing administrative or judicial challenge as of January 1, 2017, or had a final ranking within one point of the highest final ranking in its region
 - DOH must license up to 10 MMTCs, including those licensed under Phase 2, one of which is a recognized class member of Pigford v. Glickman or In Re Black Farmers Litigation
 - Upon reaching 100,000 patients in the registry, and for each additional 100,000 patients thereafter, DOH must license 4 more MMTCs within 6 months
- MMTCs must receive authorization from the Department to begin cultivating, processing, and dispensing
- As of April 1, 2020, there are no statutory limitations on the maximum number of dispensing facilities allowed
- MMTCs with dispensing authorization may deliver statewide

MMTC Licensure: Next Steps

- On May 27, 2021, the Department prevailed on its appeal of the temporary injunction in the Florigrown case.
 - The Supreme Court remanded the case to the Second Judicial Circuit for final disposition of Florigrown's complaint, which remains pending.
 - The Department has also been working to dismiss additional circuit court cases based on the Supreme Court's ruling.
- There are currently 19 available MMTC licenses, one of which is specifically set aside for an applicant that is a class member of *Pigford v. Glickman* or *In RE: Black Farmers Litigation* class action lawsuits.
- The Department is preparing a comprehensive Pigford MMTC license application rule and corresponding application.
- The Department is working as quickly as possible and anticipates moving forward with the Pigford MMTC licensing process in the coming weeks and months.

MMTC Dispensing Locations – Statewide

TOTAL FACILITIES			
Processing	Fulfillment and Storage	Dispensing	Cultivation
26	13	374	34

- **Processing Facility** - Any area designated to be used for processing of low-THC cannabis and medical marijuana
- **Fulfillment and Storage Facility (F&S)** - Any area designated, which is not open to the public, to be used for order fulfillment, shipping, transportation, or storage of low-THC cannabis, medical marijuana and marijuana delivery devices
- **Dispensing Facility** - Any area designated to be accessible by the public and where usable product and marijuana delivery devices will be dispensed at retail
- **Cultivation Facility** - Any area designated to be used for cultivation of marijuana

MMTC Authorization Phases

Each MMTC is authorized to operate:

- Cultivation facilities
- Processing facilities
- Fulfillment and Storage facilities
- Dispensing facilities

Prior to commencing operation at any facility, an MMTC must request an inspection and receive written approval from the Office of Medical Marijuana Use

Currently Licensed MMTCs

Original Applicant	Current MMTC Licensee	d/b/a
Costa Nursery Farms, LLC	Curaleaf Florida, LLC	Curaleaf
Chestnut Hill Tree Farm	Ayr Wellness, Inc.	Liberty Health Sciences
Knox Nursery, Inc.	Spirit Lake Road Nursery, LLC	Fluent
Alpha Foliage, Inc.	Parallel Florida, LLC	Surterra Wellness
George Hackney, Inc.	Trulieve, Inc.	Trulieve
San Felasco Nurseries, Inc.	San Felasco Nurseries, Inc.	Harvest House of Cannabis
McCrory's Sunny Hill Nursery, LLC	McCrory's Sunny Hill Nursery, LLC	GrowHealthy
Tornello Landscape Corp	3 Boys Farm, LLC	Sunnyside*
Loop's Nursery and Greenhouses, Inc.	VidaCann, LLC	VidaCann
Plants of Ruskin, Inc.	Plants of Ruskin, LLC	AltMed Florida
Sun Bulb Company, Inc.	Columbia Care Florida, LLC	Cannabist
GST Enterprises, Inc.	MME Florida, LLC	MedMen
Keith St. Germain Nursery Farms, LLC	KSGNF, LLC	GTI Florida, LLC
Nature's Way Nursery of Miami, Inc.	Red, White & Bloom Florida, Inc.	HT Medical Cannabis
Spring Oaks Greenhouses, Inc.	Green Ops Group Florida, LLC	-
Redland Nursery, Inc.	D&D Accounting Services, LLC	Insa
Dewar Nurseries, Inc.	Sanctuary Medicinals, LLC	Sanctuary Medicinals
Tree King-Tree Farm, Inc.	Cookies Florida, Inc.	Cookies Florida, LLC
Perkins Nursery, Inc.	BWH Investments, LLC	-
Bills Nursery, Inc.	Bills Nursery, Inc.	The Flowery
Deleon's Bromeliads, Inc.	Mount Dora Farms, LLC	Green Dragon
Hart's Plant Nursery, Inc.	Hart's Plant Nursery, Inc.	Revolution Florida

Office of Medical Marijuana Use Program Update – By the Numbers

Office of Medical Marijuana Use Program Update – By the Numbers

By the Numbers:

Statewide from October 1, 2020, through September 20, 2021:

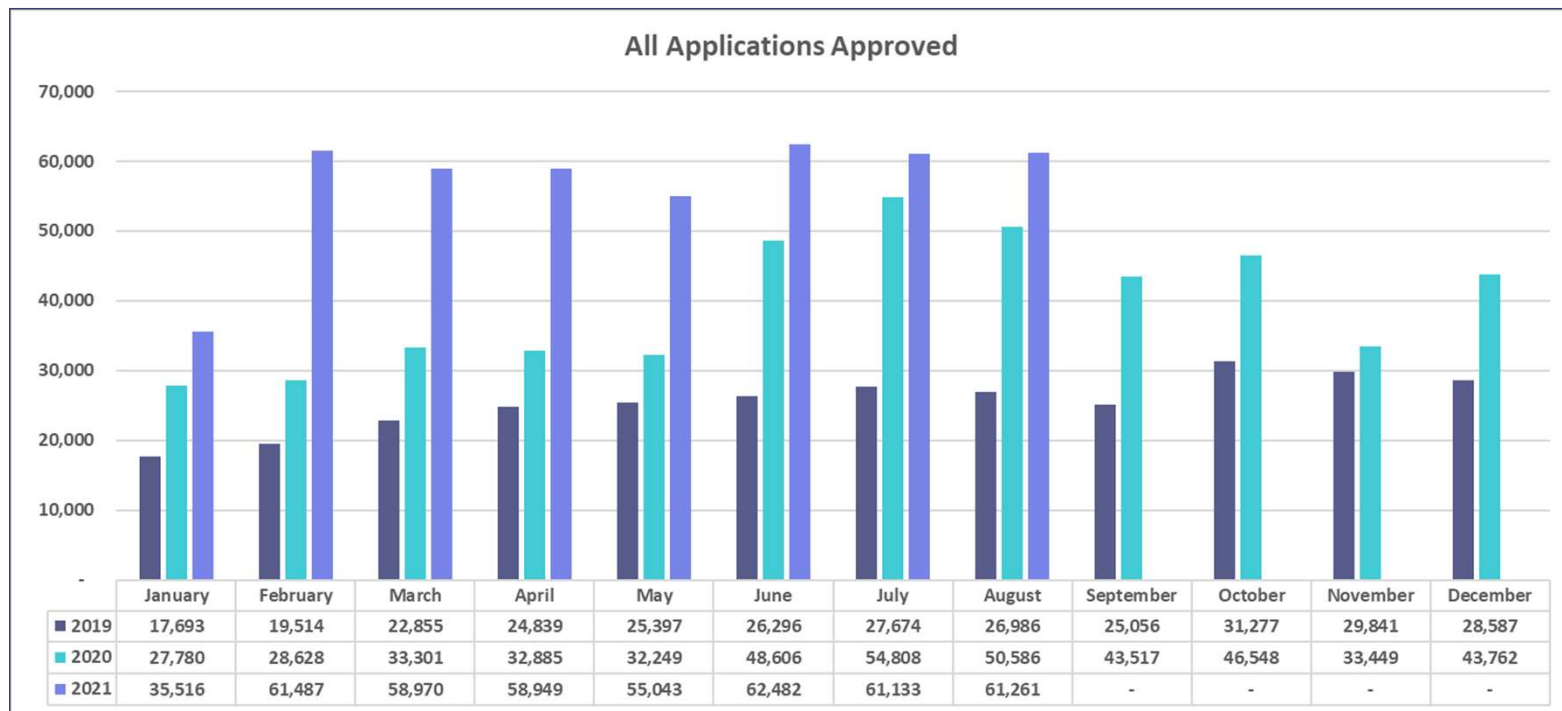
- There were 943,591 active physician certifications
- 1,676 physicians issued certifications for 642,787 patients

There are currently:

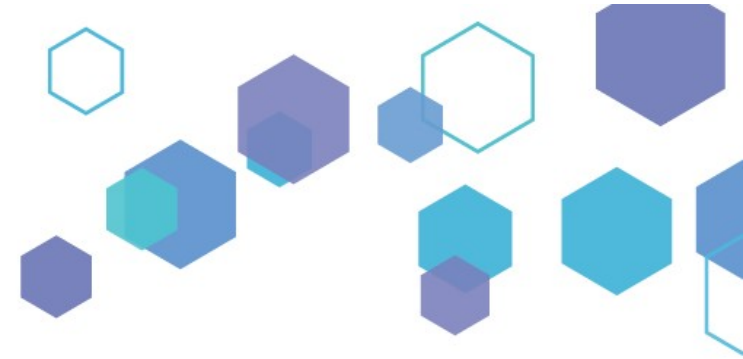
- 3,186 qualified ordering physicians statewide
- 612,425 active patients
- 8,333 active caregivers

By the Numbers: Total Initial and Renewal Applications Approved

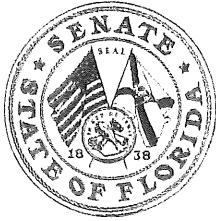
During **2019** the OMMU Approved **306,015** Patient / Caregiver Initial and Renewal Applications
 During **2020** the OMMU Approved **476,119** Patient / Caregiver Initial and Renewal Applications
 During **2021*** the OMMU Approved **454,841** Patient / Caregiver Initial and Renewal Applications



**Please note: Data for September 2021 thru December 2021 are not available.*



Thank you



SENATOR JENNIFER BRADLEY
5th District

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Joint Legislative Auditing Committee
Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining

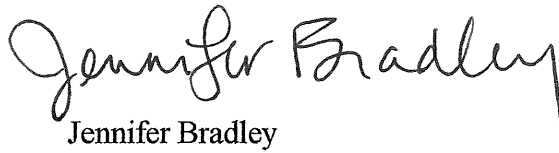
September 21, 2021

Senator Darryl Rouson
212 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I respectfully request to be excused from the Agriculture Committee meeting on Thursday. I will be out of town attending to a family matter. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Bradley

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SENATOR KEITH PERRY

8th District

September 21, 2021

The Honorable Darryl Rouson
Chair of Committee on Agriculture
212 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chair Rouson:

I respectfully request to be excused from the Committee on Agriculture on September 23, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact my office, or myself. Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Senator Keith Perry

CC: Katherine Becker, Staff Director, Committee on Agriculture

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SENATOR TINA SCOTT POLSKY

29th District

September 15, 2021

Chairman Darryl Rouson
Committee on Agriculture
335 Knott Building
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chairman Rouson:

I am writing to you to be excused from the Committee on Agriculture meeting that will be held on Thursday, September 23 at 9:00 a.m. I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at (850) 487-5029 if you have any questions.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tina S. Polsky", written in a cursive style.

Senator Tina S. Polsky
Florida Senate, District 29

cc: Katherine Becker, Staff Director
MacKenzie Hart, Administrative Assistant

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9:00:49 AM Meeting called to order
9:00:50 AM
9:01:35 AM
9:01:40 AM Roll Call
9:01:58 AM Quorum Present
9:02:20 AM Senators Bradley, Perry and Polsky excused
9:02:33 AM Pledge of Allegiance
9:02:54 AM Presentation by Dania Davy, Director of Land Retention & Advocacy, on Racial Equality in Florida
Agriculture
9:16:25 AM Questions
9:17:26 AM Chair recognizes question by Sen. Boyd
9:17:41 AM Response by Ms. Davy
9:18:53 AM Chair recognizes question by Sen. Ausley
9:19:53 AM Response by Ms. Davy
9:20:38 AM Chair recognizes Sen. Ausley for follow up
9:21:33 AM Response by Ms. Davy
9:21:53 AM Chair recognizes Sen. Thurston for question
9:22:32 AM Response by Ms. Davy
9:22:46 AM Chair recognizes Sen. Thurston for follow up
9:23:02 AM Response by Ms. Davy
9:24:30 AM Chair recognizes Sen. Thurston for follow up
9:25:31 AM Response by Ms. Davy
9:25:42 AM Chair recognizes Sen. Thurston for follow up
9:26:38 AM Response by Ms. Davy
9:28:36 AM Chair recognizes Sen. Boyd for question
9:29:37 AM Response by Ms. Davy
9:30:10 AM Chair Rouson asks question
9:30:45 AM Response by Ms. Davy
9:31:01 AM Follow up by Chair Rouson
9:31:58 AM Response by Ms. Davy
9:32:18 AM Appearance by Karen Woodall from the FL Center for Fiscal & Economic Policy
9:34:09 AM Comments by Chair Rouson
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9:35:35 AM Comments by Chair Rouson on Medical Marijuana
9:37:48 AM Presentation by Chris Ferguson, Director of the Office of Medial Marijuana Use, Update on the Status of
Medical Marijuana License for a Recognized Class Member of Pigford v. Glickman
9:47:49 AM Questions
9:48:50 AM Chair Recognizes Sen. Thurston for question
9:49:04 AM Response by Mr. Ferguson
9:49:15 AM Follow up by Sen. Thurston
9:49:23 AM Response by Mr. Ferguson
9:49:39 AM Follow up by Sen. Thurston
9:49:43 AM Response by Mr. Ferguson
9:50:10 AM Follow up by Sen. Thurston
9:50:17 AM Response by Mr. Ferguson
9:50:50 AM Follow up by Sen. Thurston
9:51:03 AM Response by Mr. Ferguson
9:51:34 AM Question by Sen. Thurston
9:51:39 AM Response by Mr. Ferguson
9:51:48 AM Comments by Chair Rouson

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9:52:38 AM	Comments by Chair Rouson
9:53:22 AM	Comments by Mr. Ferguson
9:53:33 AM	Comments by Sen. Thurston
9:53:48 AM	Appearance by Jodi James, waives time in support of presentation
9:54:54 AM	Any other business
9:55:00 AM	Sen. Thurston comments
9:55:18 AM	Comments by Chair Rouson recognizing Ms. Zaugg
9:55:50 AM	Chair Rouson moves to adjourn meeting