



Texas Compassionate Use Program

Low-THC Medical Cannabis Access

The Texas Compassionate Use Program (T.CUP) was established in 2015. The Legislature expanded the program in 2019, providing access to low-THC cannabis for those with a few medical conditions. Here's an overview of the program under current law:

Limited Patient Access

- Dosing is restricted to .5% THC, but there are no restrictions on other cannabinoids and terpenes.
- Patients with the following qualifying conditions may participate in the program:
 - All epilepsy and seizure disorders,
 - Multiple sclerosis or spasticity,
 - Terminal cancer or incurable neurological disorders (Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, etc.),
 - Autism or Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).
- Three dispensary locations with statewide delivery is available.
- Limited public list of participating physicians.

Participating Physicians must be Specialists

To participate, a physician must be board certified in a medical specialty relevant to the treatment of the patient's particular medical condition by a specialty board approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists. The physician must dedicate a significant portion of their clinical practice to the evaluation and treatment of the patient's particular medical condition.

Business Licensing and Regulation

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is the regulating authority for our state's medical cannabis program. Rules are developed and maintained by the Public Safety Commission, which is comprised of five members appointed by the governor.

Three businesses are currently licensed by DPS to cultivate, manufacture/process, and dispense low-THC cannabis. To ensure reasonable statewide access, dispensaries may deliver medicine throughout the state and the department may issue additional licenses. Licensing fees for licensed businesses are nearly \$500,000 for the first two years and more than \$300,000 every two years for renewal. Details about the rules and regulations can be found on the DPS website:

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/CUP/index.htm>