Texas Compassionate Use Program (T.CUP)

Frequently Asked Questions



• Do I qualify?

The T.CUP program serves Texas residents who are diagnosed with the following conditions: *all epilepsy and seizure disorders, all forms of cancer, post-traumatic stress disorder, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, spasticity, autism, peripheral neuropathies, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, and other incurable neurological disorders.* **Review the full list of conditions.**

• Enrolling in T.CUP

- The <u>Physician Registry</u> provides a list of physicians who specialise in each condition and are qualified to diagnose and register patients in T.CUP. <u>Physician Registration Instructions</u>
- Telemedicine is available by some physicians and is ideal for patients with an existing diagnosis, or for some patients who do not live near a registered physician and need a diagnosis.
- Informed Texas provides a free tutorial which covers what cannabis and the endocannabinoid system are, available medications, and an online telemedicine walkthrough. Watch the tutorial.

• What does Low-THC Cannabis mean?

Low-THC cannabis products contain 1% Tetrahydrocannabinols (THC) by weight, with THC being the only restricted cannabinoid. This means that 1ml of cannabis product can contain up to 10mg of THC.

What kind of medicine is available?

- Tinctures, gummies, lozenges, topicals, oral sprays, drinks, and capsules.
- Is cannabis flower available for purchase?

Currently, cannabis flower is not available through the program. Current restrictions on THC content limits the availability of effective cannabis cultivars. Cannabis flower is not explicitly restricted by law, though cannot be prescribed for consumption by smoking.

How many dispensaries are there?

The statutory minimum is three and at this time three licenses have been awarded. One physical location for each license is permitted. Home delivery and pick-up locations are available in multiple cities across Texas.

- Prices
 - Doctor Visit: An initial visit can range from \$99 to \$250. At least one follow up visit is generally necessary to help ensure an effective prescription, which can range from \$99 to \$175. Depending on the physician and patient care plan, regular follow ups may be needed.
 - Medicine Prices: Visit the licensee shops to find the most current pricing. <u>Texas Original Compassionate Cultivation</u> <u>goodblend Texas by Surterra</u> <u>Fluent</u>

• Will participation in T.CUP affect my eligibility for a Texas License to Carry a Handgun?

Not necessarily. The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has <u>announced</u> that a patient's participation in T.CUP does not disqualify the individual from obtaining or maintaining a License to Carry (LTC). However, if the medical condition potentially affects the individual's ability to exercise sound judgment, the department may refer to the Medical Advisory Board (DSHS) for review and recommendation. Should the Board find the individual "incapable of exercising sound judgment with respect to the proper use and storage of a handgun," DPS would deny an application or revoke a LTC.

- Can a prescription from another state be filled in Texas? No, Texas Health and Safety Code §487.107 authorizes solely the dispensing of T.CUP prescriptions.
- Can T.CUP patients fulfill their prescription in other states?

This varies by state, depending on documentation and reciprocation rules in each jurisdiction.

- Other Helpful Links
 - T.CUP 2020 Regulatory Report from DPS
 - DPS FAQ Page
 - <u>Veterans FAQ</u>