

Medical marijuana that's smokable is being sold in Florida, despite objections

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TALLAHASSEE — Even while Florida lawmakers have insisted they do not want patients to smoke pot, one of the state's seven licensed medical marijuana vendors Tuesday began selling whole-flower cannabis.

Florida law bans patients from smoking the substance, but doesn't prohibit vendors from selling marijuana buds meant for use in vaporizers — but which also can be smoked in joints, pipes or other delivery devices.

Trulieve, one of seven licensed medical marijuana operators in Florida, started selling the whole-flower product Tuesday, just days after lawmakers failed to reach agreement on a measure to carry out a voter-approved constitutional amendment legalizing marijuana for patients with a broad swath of debilitating conditions.

Quincy-based Trulieve's new product, first sold Tuesday, comes in canisters designed for use with vaporizer pens. But patients can easily use the substance in other ways, such as in joints, bongs or pipes — consumption methods off-limits under state law.