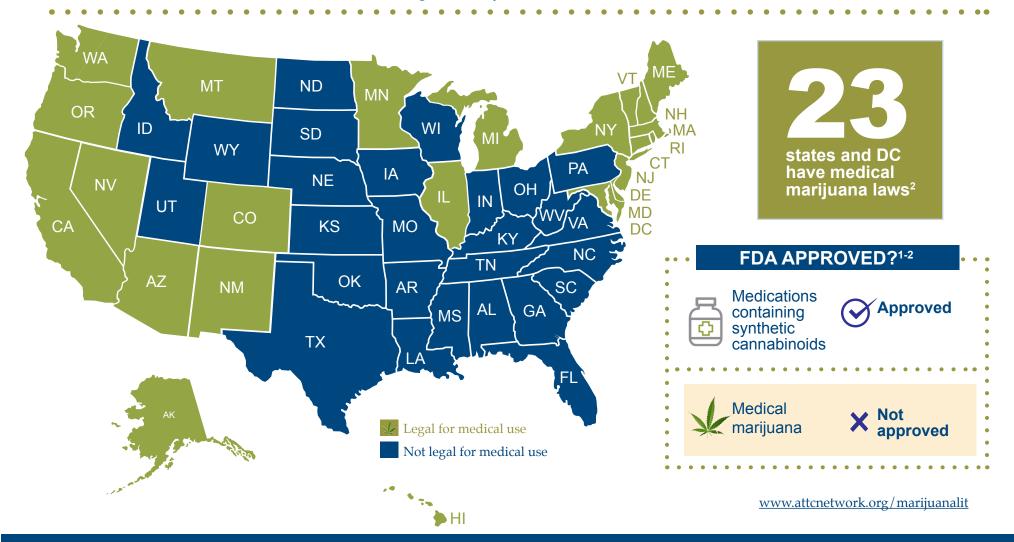




Although the U.S. FDA has not approved the marijuana plant as a medicine, it has approved two medications containing synthetic cannabinoids in pill form. Medical marijuana refers to using the marijuana plant/extracts to treat a disease and it is legal in only 23 states and the District of Columbia.¹





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