

FEDERAL OVERSIGHT OF CANNABIS-BASED PRODUCTS:

The Players and Their Roles



CONGRESS

UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Introduces, debates and ultimately votes to pass or not pass laws that impact cannabis research, criminalization, and legalization.



FDA

U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Reviews and approves products for food or medical use based on scientific research and clinical evidence.

- The FDA has only approved one plant-derived cannabidiol (CBD) prescription drug and three synthetic THC drugs. Beyond these, it has NOT approved any other CBD food or supplement.



USDA

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Oversees hemp growth and production in the U.S.

- Maintains records about the land where hemp is produced, testing the levels of total THC, disposing of non-compliant plants, licensing hemp producers, and ensuring compliance.¹



FTC

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Oversees and enforces laws restricting false advertising and unsubstantiated claims around cannabis-based product use or benefits.



AHRQ

AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH & QUALITY

Charged with improving the safety and quality of America's health care system.



DEA

DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Enforces the Controlled Substance Act, which currently classifies cannabis as a Schedule 1 substance.