

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update **(as of December 31, 2009)**

In the November 2000 general election, Coloradans passed Amendment 20, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) was tasked with implementing and administering the Medical Marijuana Registry program. In March of 2001, the State of Colorado Board of Health approved the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the administration of the program, and on June 1, 2001, the Registry began accepting and processing applications for registry identification cards.

Statistics of the registry include:

- 43,769 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. Thirty-nine (39) applications have been denied, 28 cards have been revoked, 298 patients have died, and 2,365 cards have expired, bringing the total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards to 41,039.
- Seventy-four percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 40. Currently seventeen patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-nine percent of patients reside in the Denver-metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas & Jefferson counties), with the remainder of patients residing in counties throughout Colorado.
- Patients on the registry represent all the debilitating conditions covered under Amendment 20. Severe pain accounts for 92 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 29 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-eight percent of patients have designated a primary care-giver (someone who has significant responsibility for managing the care of a patient with a debilitating medical condition).
- More than 1,000 different physicians have signed for patients in Colorado.

Please see the attached tables for a complete listing of all statistical information.

As of October 27, 2008 all applications, renewals and changes to the registry must be submitted via mail and include a legible photo copy of the patient's Colorado identification. Faxes and emails are not accepted.

No general funds have been designated for this program. The Colorado Constitution authorizes CDPHE to collect fees to cover the costs of administering the program. Currently the fee is \$90, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007.

Table I: County Information

County	Number of Patients	Percent of Patients
Adams	3074	7%
Alamosa	48	<1%
Arapahoe	3612	9%
Archuleta	122	<1%
Baca	39	<1%
Bent	12	<1%
Boulder	4573	11%
Broomfield	436	1%
Chaffee	115	<1%
Cheyenne	7	<1%
Clear Creek	139	<1%
Conejos	9	<1%
Costilla	23	<1%
Crowley	23	<1%
Custer	27	<1%
Delta	224	1%
Denver	6053	15%

Dolores	25	<1%
Douglas	1436	3%
Eagle	743	2%
El Paso	2947	7%
Elbert	107	<1%
Fremont	201	<1%
Garfield	786	2%
Gilpin	179	<1%
Grand	193	<1%
Gunnison	190	<1%
Hinsdale	9	<1%
Huerfano	64	<1%
Jackson	6	<1%
Jefferson	4904	12%
Kiowa	*	*
Kit Carson	16	<1%
La Plata	518	1%
Lake	143	<1%
Larimer	3765	9%
Las Animas	59	<1%
Lincoln	12	<1%
Logan	57	<1%
Mesa	1058	3%
Mineral	*	*
Moffat	55	<1%
Montezuma	153	<1%
Montrose	173	<1%
Morgan	51	<1%
Otero	77	<1%
Ouray	36	<1%
Park	324	1%
Phillips	15	<1%
Pitkin	388	1%
Prowers	17	<1%
Pueblo	505	1%
Rio Blanco	22	<1%
Rio Grande	26	<1%
Routt	276	1%
Saguache	65	<1%
San Juan	4	<1%
San Luis	*	*
San Miguel	149	<1%
Sedgwick	7	<1%
Summit	654	2%
Teller	300	1%
Washington	12	<1%
Weld	1754	4%
Yuma	18	<1%

* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

Reported Condition	Number of Patients Reporting Condition	Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**
Cachexia	700	2%
Cancer	908	2%
Glaucoma	382	1%
HIV/AIDS	296	1%
Muscle Spasms	12,077	29%
Seizures	764	2%
Severe Pain	37,912	92%
Severe Nausea	6,696	16%

**Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics

Sex	Percent on Registry	Average Age**
Male	74%	39
Female	26%	42

** The overall average age of all patients is 40 years old.