

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update **(as of January 31, 2010)**

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:

- 55,469 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. Thirty-eight (38) applications have been denied, 56 cards have been revoked, 447 patients have died, and 1,890 cards have expired, bringing the total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards to 53,038.
- Seventy-three percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 40. Currently twenty-two 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 93 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 28 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-seven 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	4,022	8%
Alamosa	63	<1%
Arapahoe	4,757	9%
Archuleta	151	<1%
Baca	40	<1%
Bent	13	<1%
Boulder	5,619	11%
Broomfield	566	1%
Chaffee	166	<1%
Cheyenne	9	<1%
Clear Creek	206	<1%
Conejos	18	<1%
Costilla	33	<1%
Crowley	29	<1%
Custer	34	<1%
Delta	267	1%
Denver	7,985	15%

Dolores	31	<1%
Douglas	1,927	4%
Eagle	892	2%
El Paso	3,961	7%
Elbert	169	<1%
Fremont	275	1%
Garfield	953	2%
Gilpin	211	<1%
Grand	262	<1%
Gunnison	230	<1%
Hinsdale	9	<1%
Huerfano	81	<1%
Jackson	11	<1%
Jefferson	6,500	12%
Kiowa	3	<1%
Kit Carson	17	<1%
La Plata	623	1%
Lake	170	<1%
Larimer	4,821	9%
Las Animas	74	<1%
Lincoln	15	<1%
Logan	85	<1%
Mesa	1,263	2%
Mineral	*	*
Moffat	68	<1%
Montezuma	176	<1%
Montrose	218	<1%
Morgan	79	<1%
Otero	88	<1%
Ouray	46	<1%
Park	430	1%
Phillips	20	<1%
Pitkin	437	1%
Prowers	18	<1%
Pueblo	699	1%
Rio Blanco	26	<1%
Rio Grande	39	<1%
Routt	359	1%
Saguache	84	<1%
San Juan	7	<1%
San Miguel	179	<1%
Sedgwick	6	<1%
Summit	821	2%
Teller	382	1%
Washington	20	<1%
Weld	2,247	4%
Yuma	27	<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	797	2%
Cancer	1,083	2%
Glaucoma	478	1%
HIV/AIDS	357	1%
Muscle Spasms	14,935	28%
Seizures	922	2%
Severe Pain	49,304	93%
Severe Nausea	8,004	15%

**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	73%	39
Female	27%	42

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