Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of February 28, 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:

- 67,610 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. Fifty-three (53) applications have been denied, 59 cards have been revoked, 448 patients have died, and 2,317 cards have expired, bringing the total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards to 64,733.
- Seventy-three percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 40. Currently twenty-four 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 27 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 1,200 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	4,928	8%
Alamosa	91	<1%
Arapahoe	5,850	9%
Archuleta	176	<1%
Baca	42	<1%
Bent	18	<1%
Boulder	6,598	10%
Broomfield	694	1%
Chaffee	228	<1%
Cheyenne	11	<1%
Clear Creek	258	<1%
Conejos	28	<1%
Costilla	47	<1%
Crowley	34	<1%
Custer	37	<1%
Delta	328	1%
Denver	9,731	15%

Dolores	37	<1%
Douglas	2,283	4%
Eagle	992	2%
El Paso	5,269	8%
Elbert	212	<1%
Fremont	400	1%
Garfield	1,106	2%
Gilpin	245	<1%
Grand	295	<1%
Gunnison	295	<1%
Hinsdale	11	<1%
Huerfano	98	<1%
Jackson	11	<1%
Jefferson	7,915	12%
Kiowa	3	<1%
Kit Carson	24	<1%
La Plata	703	1%
Lake	202	<1%
Larimer	5,852	9%
Las Animas	98	<1%
Lincoln	17	<1%
Logan	115	<1%
Mesa	1,560	2%
Mineral	3	<1%
Moffat	84	<1%
Montezuma	213	<1%
Montrose	243	<1%
Morgan	104	<1%
Otero	109	<1%
Ouray	54	<1%
Park	521	1%
Phillips	25	<1%
Pitkin	501	1%
Prowers	25	<1%
Pueblo	916	1%
Rio Blanco	31	<1%
Rio Grande	51	<1%
Routt	438	1%
Saguache	109	<1%
San Juan	10	<1%
San Miguel	223	<1%
Sedgwick	6	<1%
Summit	944	1%
Teller	485	1%
Washington	27	<1%
Weld	2,737	4%
Yuma	32	<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	891	1%
Cancer	1,290	2%
Glaucoma	576	1%
HIV/AIDS	393	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,233	27%
Seizures	1,042	2%
Severe Pain	60,504	93%
Severe Nausea	9,188	14%

**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.