

**Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update**  
**(as of April 30, 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:

- 86,539 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. One hundred fifty-eight (158) applications have been denied, 66 cards have been revoked, 481 patients have died, and 2,890 cards have expired, bringing the total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards to 82,944.
- Seventy-one 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 94 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 25 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-six 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 1,100 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

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percent of Patients</b>
Adams	6,279	8%
Alamosa	151	<1%
Arapahoe	7,633	9%
Archuleta	219	<1%
Baca	45	<1%
Bent	24	<1%
Boulder	8,160	10%
Broomfield	845	1%
Chaffee	311	<1%
Cheyenne	13	<1%
Clear Creek	324	<1%
Conejos	47	<1%
Costilla	65	<1%
Crowley	45	<1%
Custer	52	<1%
Delta	414	<1%
Denver	12,677	15%

Dolores	45	<1%
Douglas	2,903	3%
Eagle	1,194	1%
El Paso	7,309	9%
Elbert	274	<1%
Fremont	613	1%
Garfield	1,352	2%
Gilpin	306	<1%
Grand	347	<1%
Gunnison	366	<1%
Hinsdale	15	<1%
Huerfano	120	<1%
Jackson	11	<1%
Jefferson	10,047	12%
Kiowa	4	<1%
Kit Carson	29	<1%
La Plata	928	1%
Lake	247	<1%
Larimer	6,935	8%
Las Animas	133	<1%
Lincoln	18	<1%
Logan	155	<1%
Mesa	2,132	3%
Mineral	6	<1%
Moffat	116	<1%
Montezuma	292	<1%
Montrose	371	<1%
Morgan	143	<1%
Otero	120	<1%
Ouray	78	<1%
Park	644	1%
Phillips	24	<1%
Pitkin	604	1%
Prowers	43	<1%
Pueblo	1,382	2%
Rio Blanco	40	<1%
Rio Grande	92	<1%
Routt	558	1%
Saguache	131	<1%
San Juan	12	<1%
San Miguel	320	<1%
Sedgwick	10	<1%
Summit	1,157	1%
Teller	588	1%
Washington	32	<1%
Weld	3,354	4%
Yuma	40	<1%

\* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

<b>Reported Condition</b>	<b>Number of Patients Reporting Condition</b>	<b>Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**</b>
Cachexia	1,051	1%
Cancer	1,638	2%
Glaucoma	714	1%
HIV/AIDS	446	1%
Muscle Spasms	20,924	25%
Seizures	1,237	1%
Severe Pain	77,946	94%
Severe Nausea	11,180	13%

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

Table III: User Characteristics

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Percent on Registry</b>	<b>Average Age**</b>
Male	71%	39
Female	29%	42

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