

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update **(as of May 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:

- 92,915 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. Two hundred twenty-five (225) applications have been denied, 68 cards have been revoked, 494 patients have died, and 3,228 cards have expired, bringing the total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards to 88,900.
- 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-eight 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

County	Number of Patients	Percent of Patients
Adams	6,635	7%
Alamosa	168	<1%
Arapahoe	8,085	9%
Archuleta	247	<1%
Baca	51	<1%
Bent	28	<1%
Boulder	8,659	10%
Broomfield	897	1%
Chaffee	348	<1%
Cheyenne	16	<1%
Clear Creek	346	<1%
Conejos	52	<1%
Costilla	71	<1%
Crowley	49	<1%
Custer	55	<1%
Delta	495	1%
Denver	13,453	15%

Dolores	51	<1%
Douglas	3,046	3%
Eagle	1,277	1%
El Paso	8,120	9%
Elbert	300	<1%
Fremont	676	1%
Garfield	1,459	2%
Gilpin	319	<1%
Grand	358	<1%
Gunnison	392	<1%
Hinsdale	16	<1%
Huerfano	127	<1%
Jackson	11	<1%
Jefferson	10,694	12%
Kiowa	4	<1%
Kit Carson	34	<1%
La Plata	1,040	1%
Lake	258	<1%
Larimer	7,217	8%
Las Animas	153	<1%
Lincoln	25	<1%
Logan	162	<1%
Mesa	2,342	3%
Mineral	7	<1%
Moffat	125	<1%
Montezuma	344	<1%
Montrose	517	1%
Morgan	151	<1%
Otero	131	<1%
Ouray	89	<1%
Park	699	1%
Phillips	27	<1%
Pitkin	641	1%
Prowers	49	<1%
Pueblo	1,540	2%
Rio Blanco	44	<1%
Rio Grande	100	<1%
Routt	621	1%
Saguache	139	<1%
San Juan	14	<1%
San Miguel	380	<1%
Sedgwick	14	<1%
Summit	1,233	1%
Teller	653	1%
Washington	33	<1%
Weld	3,568	4%
Yuma	45	<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	1,096	1%
Cancer	1,764	2%
Glaucoma	769	1%
HIV/AIDS	464	1%
Muscle Spasms	21,984	25%
Seizures	1,305	1%
Severe Pain	83,663	94%
Severe Nausea	11,788	13%

**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	71%	39
Female	29%	42

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