

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

- 104,630 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. The total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards is 99,902.
- Seventy percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 39. Currently thirty-four patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-seven 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 24 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-five 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	7,303	7%
Alamosa	200	<1%
Arapahoe	9,046	9%
Archuleta	287	<1%
Baca	54	<1%
Bent	31	<1%
Boulder	9,438	9%
Broomfield	978	1%
Chaffee	409	<1%
Cheyenne	18	<1%
Clear Creek	396	<1%
Conejos	75	<1%
Costilla	82	<1%
Crowley	51	<1%
Custer	59	<1%
Delta	592	1%
Denver	14,971	15%
Dolores	64	<1%

Douglas	3,390	3%
Eagle	1,394	1%
El Paso	9,587	10%
Elbert	343	<1%
Fremont	793	1%
Garfield	1,596	2%
Gilpin	355	<1%
Grand	389	<1%
Gunnison	470	<1%
Hinsdale	17	<1%
Huerfano	137	<1%
Jackson	13	<1%
Jefferson	11,798	12%
Kiowa	4	<1%
Kit Carson	40	<1%
La Plata	1,260	1%
Lake	277	<1%
Larimer	7,704	8%
Las Animas	172	<1%
Lincoln	24	<1%
Logan	169	<1%
Mesa	2,738	3%
Mineral	10	<1%
Moffat	158	<1%
Montezuma	495	<1%
Montrose	630	1%
Morgan	166	<1%
Otero	147	<1%
Ouray	119	<1%
Park	766	1%
Phillips	31	<1%
Pitkin	722	1%
Prowers	57	<1%
Pueblo	1,790	2%
Rio Blanco	50	<1%
Rio Grande	118	<1%
Routt	779	1%
Saguache	165	<1%
San Juan	21	<1%
San Miguel	519	1%
Sedgwick	17	<1%
Summit	1,332	1%
Teller	751	1%
Washington	43	<1%
Weld	3,953	4%
Yuma	51	<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	1,217	1%
Cancer	1,939	2%
Glaucoma	856	1%
HIV/AIDS	507	1%
Muscle Spasms	24,098	24%
Seizures	1,426	1%
Severe Pain	94,124	94%
Severe Nausea	12,940	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	70%	39
Female	30%	41

** The overall average age of all patients is 39 years old.