

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of August 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:

- 109,016 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 103,468.
- Seventy percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 40. Currently thirty-five 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	7,528	7%
Alamosa	213	<1%
Arapahoe	9,308	9%
Archuleta	313	<1%
Baca	56	<1%
Bent	32	<1%
Boulder	9,698	9%
Broomfield	1,015	1%
Chaffee	433	<1%
Cheyenne	21	<1%
Clear Creek	408	<1%
Conejos	81	<1%
Costilla	90	<1%
Crowley	52	<1%
Custer	63	<1%
Delta	624	1%
Denver	15,471	15%
Dolores	69	<1%

Douglas	3,493	3%
Eagle	1,438	1%
El Paso	10,102	10%
Elbert	352	<1%
Fremont	846	1%
Garfield	1,676	2%
Gilpin	368	<1%
Grand	391	<1%
Gunnison	491	<1%
Hinsdale	17	<1%
Huerfano	144	<1%
Jackson	15	<1%
Jefferson	12,161	12%
Kiowa	4	<1%
Kit Carson	40	<1%
La Plata	1,342	1%
Lake	283	<1%
Larimer	7,868	8%
Las Animas	180	<1%
Lincoln	25	<1%
Logan	185	<1%
Mesa	2,876	3%
Mineral	11	<1%
Moffat	168	<1%
Montezuma	540	1%
Montrose	658	1%
Morgan	172	<1%
Otero	148	<1%
Ouray	133	<1%
Park	789	1%
Phillips	30	<1%
Pitkin	764	1%
Prowers	64	<1%
Pueblo	1,856	2%
Rio Blanco	51	<1%
Rio Grande	131	<1%
Routt	858	1%
Saguache	174	<1%
San Juan	25	<1%
San Miguel	533	1%
Sedgwick	19	<1%
Summit	1,357	1%
Teller	782	1%
Washington	44	<1%
Weld	4,047	4%
Yuma	54	<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	1,258	1%
Cancer	2,027	2%
Glaucoma	892	1%
HIV/AIDS	533	1%
Muscle Spasms	24,632	24%
Seizures	1,453	1%
Severe Pain	97,494	94%
Severe Nausea	13,286	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 40 years old.