

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update **(as of February 28, 2011)**

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:

- 133,153 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 121,430.
- Sixty-nine percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 40. Currently thirty-nine patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-six 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 22 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-three 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	8,645	7%
Alamosa	289	<1%
Arapahoe	10,822	9%
Archuleta	401	<1%
Baca	63	<1%
Bent	44	<1%
Boulder	11,314	9%
Broomfield	1,208	1%
Chaffee	586	<1%
Cheyenne	23	<1%
Clear Creek	482	<1%
Conejos	106	<1%
Costilla	122	<1%
Crowley	61	<1%
Custer	90	<1%
Delta	798	1%
Denver	18,101	15%
Dolores	82	<1%

Douglas	4,076	3%
Eagle	1,532	1%
El Paso	13,020	11%
Elbert	417	<1%
Fremont	1,066	1%
Garfield	1,873	2%
Gilpin	438	<1%
Grand	444	<1%
Gunnison	584	<1%
Hinsdale	21	<1%
Huerfano	179	<1%
Jackson	19	<1%
Jefferson	14,047	12%
Kiowa	16	<1%
Kit Carson	48	<1%
La Plata	1,732	1%
Lake	300	<1%
Larimer	8,447	7%
Las Animas	256	<1%
Lincoln	35	<1%
Logan	222	<1%
Mesa	3,446	3%
Mineral	14	<1%
Moffat	215	<1%
Montezuma	643	1%
Montrose	809	1%
Morgan	215	<1%
Otero	186	<1%
Ouray	148	<1%
Park	909	1%
Phillips	30	<1%
Pitkin	887	1%
Prowers	85	<1%
Pueblo	2,393	2%
Rio Blanco	64	<1%
Rio Grande	176	<1%
Routt	1,118	1%
Saguache	217	<1%
San Juan	35	<1%
San Miguel	613	1%
Sedgwick	23	<1%
Summit	1,504	1%
Teller	1,004	1%
Washington	48	<1%
Weld	4,565	4%
Yuma	74	<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	1,539	1%
Cancer	2,504	2%
Glaucoma	1,103	1%
HIV/AIDS	634	1%
Muscle Spasms	26,203	22%
Seizures	1,679	1%
Severe Pain	114,561	94%
Severe Nausea	14,954	12%

**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	69%	39
Female	31%	42

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