

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update **(as of March 31, 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:

137,556 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 123,890.

Sixty-nine percent of approved applicants are male.

The average age of all patients is 40. Currently forty 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 21 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	8,782	7%
Alamosa	311	<1%
Arapahoe	11,057	9%
Archuleta	403	<1%
Baca	52	<1%
Bent	46	<1%
Boulder	11,494	9%
Broomfield	1,221	1%
Chaffee	611	<1%
Cheyenne	25	<1%
Clear Creek	496	<1%
Conejos	116	<1%
Costilla	129	<1%
Crowley	64	<1%
Custer	94	<1%
Delta	825	1%
Denver	18,528	15%
Dolores	82	<1%

Douglas	4,129	3%
Eagle	1,518	1%
El Paso	13,474	11%
Elbert	422	<1%
Fremont	1,115	1%
Garfield	1,885	2%
Gilpin	434	<1%
Grand	444	<1%
Gunnison	596	<1%
Hinsdale	22	<1%
Huerfano	193	<1%
Jackson	19	<1%
Jefferson	14,239	11%
Kiowa	16	<1%
Kit Carson	50	<1%
La Plata	1,774	1%
Lake	312	<1%
Larimer	8,511	7%
Las Animas	263	<1%
Lincoln	35	<1%
Logan	231	<1%
Mesa	3,520	3%
Mineral	15	<1%
Moffat	218	<1%
Montezuma	658	1%
Montrose	841	1%
Morgan	223	<1%
Otero	191	<1%
Ouray	151	<1%
Park	919	1%
Phillips	30	<1%
Pitkin	901	1%
Prowers	89	<1%
Pueblo	2,528	2%
Rio Blanco	68	<1%
Rio Grande	179	<1%
Routt	1,143	1%
Saguache	229	<1%
San Juan	36	<1%
San Miguel	612	<1%
Sedgwick	22	<1%
Summit	1,520	1%
Teller	1,014	1%
Washington	49	<1%
Weld	4,644	4%
Yuma	72	<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	1,583	1%
Cancer	2,598	2%
Glaucoma	1,109	1%
HIV/AIDS	643	1%
Muscle Spasms	26,151	21%
Seizures	1,711	1%
Severe Pain	116,858	94%
Severe Nausea	15,177	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.