

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

- 144,013 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 127,444.
- Sixty-nine percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 40. Currently forty-two 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 20 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-two 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	9,008	7%
Alamosa	342	<1%
Arapahoe	11,415	9%
Archuleta	409	<1%
Baca	58	<1%
Bent	54	<1%
Boulder	11,761	9%
Broomfield	1,264	1%
Chaffee	655	1%
Cheyenne	27	<1%
Clear Creek	519	<1%
Conejos	131	<1%
Costilla	145	<1%
Crowley	67	<1%
Custer	103	<1%
Delta	831	1%
Denver	19,056	15%
Dolores	80	<1%

Douglas	4,226	3%
Eagle	1,477	1%
El Paso	14,259	11%
Elbert	434	<1%
Fremont	1,197	1%
Garfield	1,862	1%
Gilpin	457	<1%
Grand	434	<1%
Gunnison	602	<1%
Hinsdale	21	<1%
Huerfano	211	<1%
Jackson	19	<1%
Jefferson	14,614	11%
Kiowa	16	<1%
Kit Carson	54	<1%
La Plata	1,826	1%
Lake	302	<1%
Larimer	8,508	7%
Las Animas	280	<1%
Lincoln	39	<1%
Logan	242	<1%
Mesa	3,575	3%
Mineral	15	<1%
Moffat	222	<1%
Montezuma	674	1%
Montrose	880	1%
Morgan	224	<1%
Otero	209	<1%
Ouray	159	<1%
Park	931	1%
Phillips	31	<1%
Pitkin	877	1%
Prowers	100	<1%
Pueblo	2,754	2%
Rio Blanco	80	<1%
Rio Grande	197	<1%
Routt	1,183	1%
Saguache	248	<1%
San Juan	35	<1%
San Miguel	609	<1%
Sedgwick	21	<1%
Summit	1,491	1%
Teller	1,062	1%
Washington	54	<1%
Weld	4,727	4%
Yuma	81	<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	1,623	1%
Cancer	2,780	2%
Glaucoma	1,146	1%
HIV/AIDS	664	1%
Muscle Spasms	25,781	20%
Seizures	1,799	1%
Severe Pain	120,201	94%
Severe Nausea	15,481	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%	40
Female	31%	42

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