

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of July 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:

151,025 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 127,816.

Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.

The average age of all patients is 41. Currently forty-six 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 19 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.

Sixty-six 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	8,927	7%
Alamosa	362	<1%
Arapahoe	11,413	9%
Archuleta	420	<1%
Baca	58	<1%
Bent	51	<1%
Boulder	11,755	9%
Broomfield	1,264	1%
Chaffee	683	1%
Cheyenne	30	<1%
Clear Creek	526	<1%
Conejos	137	<1%
Costilla	162	<1%
Crowley	73	<1%
Custer	106	<1%
Delta	846	1%
Denver	19,148	15%
Dolores	81	<1%

Douglas	4,171	3%
Eagle	1,397	1%
El Paso	14,828	12%
Elbert	439	<1%
Fremont	1,241	1%
Garfield	1,808	1%
Gilpin	451	<1%
Grand	430	<1%
Gunnison	575	<1%
Hinsdale	22	<1%
Huerfano	210	<1%
Jackson	22	<1%
Jefferson	14,552	11%
Kiowa	19	<1%
Kit Carson	58	<1%
La Plata	1,914	1%
Lake	288	<1%
Larimer	8,204	6%
Las Animas	291	<1%
Lincoln	41	<1%
Logan	242	<1%
Mesa	3,513	3%
Mineral	15	<1%
Moffat	244	<1%
Montezuma	698	1%
Montrose	910	1%
Morgan	226	<1%
Otero	221	<1%
Ouray	158	<1%
Park	919	1%
Phillips	33	<1%
Pitkin	867	1%
Prowers	101	<1%
Pueblo	2,941	2%
Rio Blanco	87	<1%
Rio Grande	202	<1%
Routt	1,179	1%
Saguache	267	<1%
San Juan	35	<1%
San Miguel	583	<1%
Sedgwick	22	<1%
Summit	1,456	1%
Teller	1,064	1%
Washington	61	<1%
Weld	4,686	4%
Yuma	83	<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	1,655	1%
Cancer	2,828	2%
Glaucoma	1,165	1%
HIV/AIDS	678	1%
Muscle Spasms	24,828	19%
Seizures	1,819	1%
Severe Pain	120,567	94%
Severe Nausea	15,503	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	68%	40
Female	32%	42

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