

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

159,559 new patient applications have been processed to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. The total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards is 88,872. Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.

The average age of all patients is 42. Currently forty-one patients are minors (under the age of 18).

Fifty-five 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 17 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.

Sixty 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 1,000 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. The fee will be lowered on January 1, 2012, to \$35 annually.

Table I: County Information

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percent of Patients</b>
Adams	5,839	7%
Alamosa	275	<1%
Arapahoe	7,918	9%
Archuleta	339	<1%
Baca	40	<1%
Bent	40	<1%
Boulder	8,414	9%
Broomfield	932	1%
Chaffee	518	1%
Cheyenne	24	<1%
Clear Creek	373	<1%
Conejos	104	<1%
Costilla	149	<1%
Crowley	57	<1%
Custer	91	<1%
Delta	570	1%
Denver	13,179	15%
Dolores	57	<1%

Douglas	2,825	3%
Eagle	909	1%
El Paso	11,015	12%
Elbert	283	<1%
Fremont	914	1%
Garfield	1,307	1%
Gilpin	357	<1%
Grand	295	<1%
Gunnison	329	<1%
Hinsdale	15	<1%
Huerfano	168	<1%
Jackson	19	<1%
Jefferson	9,685	11%
Kiowa	15	<1%
Kit Carson	46	<1%
La Plata	1,609	2%
Lake	201	<1%
Larimer	5,377	6%
Las Animas	227	<1%
Lincoln	37	<1%
Logan	169	<1%
Mesa	2,245	3%
Mineral	10	<1%
Moffat	188	<1%
Montezuma	511	1%
Montrose	597	1%
Morgan	145	<1%
Otero	161	<1%
Ouray	105	<1%
Park	642	1%
Phillips	22	<1%
Pitkin	664	1%
Prowers	75	<1%
Pueblo	2,219	2%
Rio Blanco	72	<1%
Rio Grande	143	<1%
Routt	826	1%
Saguache	214	<1%
San Juan	24	<1%
San Miguel	315	<1%
Sedgwick	14	<1%
Summit	916	1%
Teller	824	1%
Washington	36	<1%
Weld	3,111	4%
Yuma	72	<1%

\* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

<b>Reported Condition</b>	<b>Number of Patients Reporting Condition</b>	<b>Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**</b>
Cachexia	1,316	1%
Cancer	2,406	3%
Glaucoma	895	1%
HIV/AIDS	543	1%
Muscle Spasms	15,518	17%
Seizures	1,434	2%
Severe Pain	83,158	94%
Severe Nausea	10,804	12%

\*\*Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Percent on Registry</b>	<b>Average Age**</b>
Male	68%	41
Female	32%	43

\*\* The overall average age of all patients is 42 years old.