

**Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update**  
**(as of November 30, 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:

161,483 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 80,558.

Sixty-nine 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 18 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.

Fifty-eight 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 900 different physicians have signed for current 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. The fee was \$90 during this time period, but it will be lowered to \$35 on January 1, 2012. The fee was previously lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007.

Table I: County Information

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percent of Patients</b>
Adams	5,468	7%
Alamosa	239	<1%
Arapahoe	7,290	9%
Archuleta	300	<1%
Baca	39	<1%
Bent	37	<1%
Boulder	7,469	9%
Broomfield	832	1%
Chaffee	473	1%
Cheyenne	22	<1%
Clear Creek	343	<1%
Conejos	92	<1%
Costilla	130	<1%
Crowley	55	<1%
Custer	91	<1%
Delta	461	1%
Denver	12,062	15%
Dolores	49	<1%

Douglas	2,499	3%
Eagle	813	1%
El Paso	10,235	13%
Elbert	251	<1%
Fremont	834	1%
Garfield	1,136	1%
Gilpin	313	<1%
Grand	251	<1%
Gunnison	276	<1%
Hinsdale	14	<1%
Huerfano	145	<1%
Jackson	18	<1%
Jefferson	8,827	11%
Kiowa	13	<1%
Kit Carson	46	<1%
La Plata	1,480	2%
Lake	165	<1%
Larimer	4,811	6%
Las Animas	185	<1%
Lincoln	34	<1%
Logan	158	<1%
Mesa	1,810	2%
Mineral	10	<1%
Moffat	174	<1%
Montezuma	469	1%
Montrose	523	1%
Morgan	143	<1%
Otero	145	<1%
Ouray	95	<1%
Park	569	1%
Phillips	23	<1%
Pitkin	571	1%
Prowers	70	<1%
Pueblo	2,106	3%
Rio Blanco	68	<1%
Rio Grande	135	<1%
Routt	752	1%
Saguache	193	<1%
San Juan	20	<1%
San Miguel	271	<1%
Sedgwick	13	<1%
Summit	812	1%
Teller	725	1%
Washington	34	<1%
Weld	2,807	3%
Yuma	64	<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	1,146	1%
Cancer	2,181	3%
Glaucoma	815	1%
HIV/AIDS	473	1%
Muscle Spasms	14,112	16%
Seizures	1,299	2%
Severe Pain	75,424	94%
Severe Nausea	9,771	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	69%	41
Female	31%	43

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