

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of December 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:

163,856 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 82,089.

Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.

The average age of all patients is 42. Currently forty 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.

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. Currently the fee is \$35, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007, and was again lowered from \$90 on January 1, 2012.

Table I: County Information

County	Number of Patients	Percent of Patients
Adams	5,572	7%
Alamosa	238	<1%
Arapahoe	7,420	9%
Archuleta	301	<1%
Baca	37	<1%
Bent	34	<1%
Boulder	7,643	9%
Broomfield	848	1%
Chaffee	473	1%
Cheyenne	18	<1%
Clear Creek	351	<1%
Conejos	92	<1%
Costilla	128	<1%
Crowley	55	<1%
Custer	91	<1%
Delta	461	1%
Denver	12,358	15%
Dolores	52	<1%

Douglas	2,540	3%
Eagle	854	1%
El Paso	10,408	13%
Elbert	255	<1%
Fremont	859	1%
Garfield	1,160	1%
Gilpin	319	<1%
Grand	246	<1%
Gunnison	274	<1%
Hinsdale	14	<1%
Huerfano	149	<1%
Jackson	19	<1%
Jefferson	9,065	11%
Kiowa	13	<1%
Kit Carson	50	<1%
La Plata	1,500	2%
Lake	167	<1%
Larimer	4,828	6%
Las Animas	193	<1%
Lincoln	35	<1%
Logan	163	<1%
Mesa	1,849	2%
Mineral	9	<1%
Moffat	183	<1%
Montezuma	477	1%
Montrose	542	1%
Morgan	155	<1%
Otero	150	<1%
Ouray	100	<1%
Park	579	1%
Phillips	28	<1%
Pitkin	588	1%
Prowers	69	<1%
Pueblo	2,122	3%
Rio Blanco	67	<1%
Rio Grande	128	<1%
Routt	778	1%
Saguache	197	<1%
San Juan	18	<1%
San Miguel	261	<1%
Sedgwick	14	<1%
Summit	803	1%
Teller	737	1%
Washington	37	<1%
Weld	2,848	3%
Yuma	67	<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	1,137	1%
Cancer	2,217	3%
Glaucoma	837	1%
HIV/AIDS	495	1%
Muscle Spasms	14,255	17%
Seizures	1,329	2%
Severe Pain	76,887	94%
Severe Nausea	9,998	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%	41
Female	32%	44

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