

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of January 31, 2012)

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:

168,059 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 85,124.

Sixty-nine percent of approved applicants are male.

The average age of all patients is 42. Currently thirty-nine 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 17 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.

Fifty-nine 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	5,837	7%
Alamosa	249	<1%
Arapahoe	7,716	9%
Archuleta	313	<1%
Baca	36	<1%
Bent	38	<1%
Boulder	7,925	9%
Broomfield	874	1%
Chaffee	472	1%
Cheyenne	23	<1%
Clear Creek	351	<1%
Conejos	96	<1%
Costilla	132	<1%
Crowley	56	<1%
Custer	89	<1%
Delta	453	1%
Denver	13,009	15%
Dolores	50	<1%

Douglas	2,623	3%
Eagle	869	1%
El Paso	10,941	13%
Elbert	259	<1%
Fremont	884	1%
Garfield	1,162	1%
Gilpin	338	<1%
Grand	250	<1%
Gunnison	290	<1%
Hinsdale	16	<1%
Huerfano	159	<1%
Jackson	20	<1%
Jefferson	9,474	11%
Kiowa	13	<1%
Kit Carson	51	<1%
La Plata	1,539	2%
Lake	173	<1%
Larimer	4,886	6%
Las Animas	188	<1%
Lincoln	38	<1%
Logan	166	<1%
Mesa	1,862	2%
Mineral	9	<1%
Moffat	176	<1%
Montezuma	500	1%
Montrose	553	1%
Morgan	154	<1%
Otero	157	<1%
Ouray	101	<1%
Park	606	1%
Phillips	27	<1%
Pitkin	600	1%
Prowers	65	<1%
Pueblo	2,195	3%
Rio Blanco	64	<1%
Rio Grande	132	<1%
Routt	735	1%
Saguache	198	<1%
San Juan	16	<1%
San Miguel	259	<1%
Sedgwick	11	<1%
Summit	838	1%
Teller	768	1%
Washington	42	<1%
Weld	2,927	3%
Yuma	71	<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	1,148	1%
Cancer	2,280	3%
Glaucoma	876	1%
HIV/AIDS	537	1%
Muscle Spasms	14,691	17%
Seizures	1,409	2%
Severe Pain	79,749	94%
Severe Nausea	10,317	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%	41
Female	31%	44

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