

**Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update**  
**(as of February 29, 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:

169,678 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 89,646.

Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.

The average age of all patients is 42. Currently forty-three 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-seven 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

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percent of Patients</b>
Adams	6,290	7%
Alamosa	252	<1%
Arapahoe	8,241	9%
Archuleta	329	<1%
Baca	42	<1%
Bent	39	<1%
Boulder	8,290	9%
Broomfield	919	1%
Chaffee	481	1%
Cheyenne	25	<1%
Clear Creek	365	<1%
Conejos	97	<1%
Costilla	140	<1%
Crowley	60	<1%
Custer	92	<1%
Delta	465	1%
Denver	13,815	15%
Dolores	54	<1%

Douglas	2,750	3%
Eagle	917	1%
El Paso	11,608	13%
Elbert	262	<1%
Fremont	943	1%
Garfield	1,196	1%
Gilpin	337	<1%
Grand	261	<1%
Gunnison	297	<1%
Hinsdale	16	<1%
Huerfano	165	<1%
Jackson	21	<1%
Jefferson	9,976	11%
Kiowa	13	<1%
Kit Carson	53	<1%
La Plata	1,572	2%
Lake	185	<1%
Larimer	5,008	6%
Las Animas	209	<1%
Lincoln	41	<1%
Logan	174	<1%
Mesa	1,909	2%
Mineral	9	<1%
Moffat	185	<1%
Montezuma	537	1%
Montrose	581	1%
Morgan	159	<1%
Otero	176	<1%
Ouray	102	<1%
Park	631	1%
Phillips	30	<1%
Pitkin	603	1%
Prowers	69	<1%
Pueblo	2,325	3%
Rio Blanco	63	<1%
Rio Grande	137	<1%
Routt	826	1%
Saguache	202	<1%
San Juan	18	<1%
San Miguel	263	<1%
Sedgwick	15	<1%
Summit	876	1%
Teller	788	1%
Washington	50	<1%
Weld	3,020	3%
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	1,157	1%
Cancer	2,385	3%
Glaucoma	920	1%
HIV/AIDS	558	1%
Muscle Spasms	15,302	17%
Seizures	1,499	2%
Severe Pain	84,004	94%
Severe Nausea	10,724	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%	44

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