Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of March 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:

- 173,836 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 93,393.
- Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently forty-six 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-five 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	6,644	7%
Alamosa	254	<1%
Arapahoe	8,600	9%
Archuleta	340	<1%
Baca	43	<1%
Bent	40	<1%
Boulder	8,505	9%
Broomfield	953	1%
Chaffee	498	1%
Cheyenne	24	<1%
Clear Creek	389	<1%
Conejos	97	<1%
Costilla	137	<1%
Crowley	74	<1%
Custer	92	<1%
Delta	508	1%
Denver	14,431	15%
Dolores	56	<1%

Douglas	2,826	3%
Eagle	947	1%
El Paso	12,368	13%
Elbert	275	<1%
Fremont	961	1%
Garfield	1,232	1%
Gilpin	359	<1%
Grand	279	<1%
Gunnison	308	<1%
Hinsdale	18	<1%
Huerfano	171	<1%
Jackson	20	<1%
Jefferson	10,408	11%
Kiowa	12	<1%
Kit Carson	57	<1%
La Plata	1,627	2%
Lake	183	<1%
Larimer	5,067	5%
Las Animas	216	<1%
Lincoln	44	<1%
Logan	179	<1%
Mesa	1,970	2%
Mineral	8	<1%
Moffat	196	<1%
Montezuma	575	1%
Montrose	588	1%
Morgan	168	<1%
Otero	200	<1%
Ouray	103	<1%
Park	656	1%
Phillips	31	<1%
Pitkin	625	1%
Prowers	72	<1%
Pueblo	2,440	3%
Rio Blanco	69	<1%
Rio Grande	144	<1%
Routt	849	1%
Saguache	199	<1%
San Juan	18	<1%
San Miguel	278	<1%
Sedgwick	15	<1%
Summit	917	1%
Teller	797	1%
Washington	56	<1%
Weld	3,104	3%
Yuma	73	<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	1,160	1%
Cancer	2,451	3%
Glaucoma	963	1%
HIV/AIDS	587	1%
Muscle Spasms	15,880	17%
Seizures	1,546	2%
Severe Pain	87,536	94%
Severe Nausea	11,019	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%	43

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