

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of June 30, 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:

- 184,002 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 99,960.
- Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently forty-seven 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-four 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) or a medical marijuana care center.
- 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	7,224	7%
Alamosa	240	<1%
Arapahoe	9,397	9%
Archuleta	352	<1%
Baca	46	<1%
Bent	45	<1%
Boulder	8,785	9%
Broomfield	994	1%
Chaffee	509	1%
Cheyenne	25	<1%
Clear Creek	398	<1%
Conejos	95	<1%
Costilla	135	<1%
Crowley	81	<1%
Custer	103	<1%
Delta	563	1%
Denver	15,755	16%

Dolores	62	<1%
Douglas	3,003	3%
Eagle	1,042	1%
El Paso	13,527	14%
Elbert	285	<1%
Fremont	1,014	1%
Garfield	1,298	1%
Gilpin	368	<1%
Grand	324	<1%
Gunnison	323	<1%
Hinsdale	20	<1%
Huerfano	198	<1%
Jackson	19	<1%
Jefferson	11,107	11%
Kiowa	11	<1%
Kit Carson	61	<1%
La Plata	1,638	2%
Lake	193	<1%
Larimer	5,016	5%
Las Animas	232	<1%
Lincoln	44	<1%
Logan	188	<1%
Mesa	2,142	2%
Mineral	10	<1%
Moffat	210	<1%
Montezuma	647	1%
Montrose	633	1%
Morgan	191	<1%
Otero	218	<1%
Ouray	112	<1%
Park	669	1%
Phillips	29	<1%
Pitkin	678	1%
Prowers	90	<1%
Pueblo	2,686	3%
Rio Blanco	65	<1%
Rio Grande	146	<1%
Routt	885	1%
Saguache	220	<1%
San Juan	19	<1%
San Miguel	314	<1%
Sedgwick	20	<1%
Summit	972	1%
Teller	865	1%
Washington	61	<1%
Weld	3,273	3%
Yuma	85	<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	1,215	1%
Cancer	2,583	3%
Glaucoma	1,021	1%
HIV/AIDS	632	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,286	17%
Seizures	1,708	2%
Severe Pain	93,679	94%
Severe Nausea	11,567	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.