Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of July 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:

- 185,538 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 101,220.
- Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 41. Currently forty-four 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) 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	7,409	7%
Alamosa	239	<1%
Arapahoe	9,643	10%
Archuleta	364	<1%
Baca	47	<1%
Bent	48	<1%
Boulder	8,789	9%
Broomfield	997	1%
Chaffee	513	1%
Cheyenne	23	<1%
Clear Creek	403	<1%
Conejos	100	<1%
Costilla	134	<1%
Crowley	84	<1%
Custer	104	<1%
Delta	571	1%
Denver	16,069	16%

Dolores	63	<1%
Douglas	3,034	3%
Eagle	1,060	1%
El Paso	13,721	14%
Elbert	288	<1%
Fremont	1,024	1%
Garfield	1,319	1%
Gilpin	367	<1%
Grand	324	<1%
Gunnison	335	<1%
Hinsdale	20	<1%
Huerfano	204	<1%
Jackson	18	<1%
Jefferson	11,200	11%
Kiowa	11	<1%
Kit Carson	62	<1%
La Plata	1,645	2%
Lake	193	<1%
Larimer	4,984	5%
Las Animas	231	<1%
Lincoln	45	<1%
Logan	181	<1%
Mesa	2,175	2%
Mineral	11	<1%
Moffat	196	<1%
Montezuma	651	1%
Montrose	630	1%
Morgan	194	<1%
Otero	221	<1%
Ouray	114	<1%
Park	678	1%
Phillips	30	<1%
Pitkin	695	1%
Prowers	98	<1%
Pueblo	2,702	3%
Rio Blanco	64	<1%
Rio Grande	146	<1%
Routt	914	1%
Saguache	222	<1%
San Juan	20	<1%
San Miguel	332	<1%
Sedgwick	21	<1%
Summit	964	1%
Teller	859	1%
Washington	61	<1%
Weld	3,273	3%
Yuma	83	<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	1,224	1%
Cancer	2,625	3%
Glaucoma	1,039	1%
HIV/AIDS	641	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,412	17%
Seizures	1,731	2%
Severe Pain	94,822	94%
Severe Nausea	11,621	11%

**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 41 years old.