

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update **(as of January 31, 2013)**

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:

- 207,223 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 108,656.
- Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 41. Currently forty patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-eight 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 16 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.
- Approximately 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	8,131	7%
Alamosa	231	<1%
Arapahoe	10,720	10%
Archuleta	391	<1%
Baca	47	<1%
Bent	55	<1%
Boulder	9,405	9%
Broomfield	1,061	1%
Chaffee	587	1%
Cheyenne	23	<1%
Clear Creek	413	<1%
Conejos	75	<1%
Costilla	133	<1%
Crowley	74	<1%
Custer	119	<1%
Delta	536	<1%
Denver	17,871	16%

Dolores	64	<1%
Douglas	3,393	3%
Eagle	1,082	1%
El Paso	14,906	14%
Elbert	325	<1%
Fremont	1,001	1%
Garfield	1,316	1%
Gilpin	365	<1%
Grand	402	<1%
Gunnison	320	<1%
Hinsdale	19	<1%
Huerfano	214	<1%
Jackson	13	<1%
Jefferson	12,114	11%
Kiowa	11	<1%
Kit Carson	69	<1%
La Plata	1,684	2%
Lake	212	<1%
Larimer	4,914	5%
Las Animas	220	<1%
Lincoln	46	<1%
Logan	205	<1%
Mesa	2,145	2%
Mineral	8	<1%
Moffat	186	<1%
Montezuma	686	1%
Montrose	629	1%
Morgan	202	<1%
Otero	253	<1%
Ouray	124	<1%
Park	681	1%
Phillips	32	<1%
Pitkin	737	1%
Prowers	118	<1%
Pueblo	2,873	3%
Rio Blanco	69	<1%
Rio Grande	134	<1%
Routt	915	1%
Saguache	199	<1%
San Juan	19	<1%
San Miguel	323	<1%
Sedgwick	22	<1%
Summit	1,029	1%
Teller	921	1%
Washington	58	<1%
Weld	3,433	3%
Yuma	93	<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	1,253	1%
Cancer	2,886	3%
Glaucoma	1,088	1%
HIV/AIDS	688	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,596	16%
Seizures	1,838	2%
Severe Pain	101,751	94%
Severe Nausea	11,764	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.