

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of February 28, 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:

- 210,368 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 108,951.
- Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 41. Currently thirty-nine 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-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) or a medical marijuana care center.
- Nearly 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	8,231	8%
Alamosa	226	<1%
Arapahoe	10,838	10%
Archuleta	381	<1%
Baca	50	<1%
Bent	58	<1%
Boulder	9,379	9%
Broomfield	1,070	1%
Chaffee	585	1%
Cheyenne	23	<1%
Clear Creek	405	<1%
Conejos	70	<1%
Costilla	129	<1%
Crowley	73	<1%
Custer	121	<1%
Delta	524	<1%
Denver	18,078	17%

Dolores	63	<1%
Douglas	3,367	3%
Eagle	1,062	1%
El Paso	14,985	14%
Elbert	323	<1%
Fremont	1,009	1%
Garfield	1,322	1%
Gilpin	352	<1%
Grand	403	<1%
Gunnison	307	<1%
Hinsdale	18	<1%
Huerfano	217	<1%
Jackson	14	<1%
Jefferson	12,141	11%
Kiowa	12	<1%
Kit Carson	71	<1%
La Plata	1,685	2%
Lake	207	<1%
Larimer	4,896	4%
Las Animas	221	<1%
Lincoln	45	<1%
Logan	204	<1%
Mesa	2,114	2%
Mineral	8	<1%
Moffat	180	<1%
Montezuma	668	1%
Montrose	618	1%
Morgan	202	<1%
Otero	247	<1%
Ouray	120	<1%
Park	666	1%
Phillips	31	<1%
Pitkin	728	1%
Prowers	120	<1%
Pueblo	2,866	3%
Rio Blanco	73	<1%
Rio Grande	134	<1%
Routt	899	1%
Saguache	198	<1%
San Juan	18	<1%
San Miguel	326	<1%
Sedgwick	21	<1%
Summit	1,025	1%
Teller	911	1%
Washington	60	<1%
Weld	3,460	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	1,221	1%
Cancer	2,883	3%
Glaucoma	1,095	1%
HIV/AIDS	676	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,427	16%
Seizures	1,859	2%
Severe Pain	102,015	94%
Severe Nausea	11,623	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%	40
Female	32%	43

** The overall average age of all patients is 41 years old.