

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update **(as of July 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:

- 227,207 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 109,292.
- Sixty-seven percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently fifty-three patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-nine 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 14 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Fifty-eight 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 800 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	8,424	8%
Alamosa	202	<1%
Arapahoe	11,433	10%
Archuleta	386	<1%
Baca	39	<1%
Bent	63	<1%
Boulder	9,170	8%
Broomfield	1,099	1%
Chaffee	610	1%
Cheyenne	28	<1%
Clear Creek	395	<1%
Conejos	65	<1%
Costilla	140	<1%
Crowley	61	<1%
Custer	115	<1%
Delta	475	<1%
Denver	18,439	17%

Dolores	66	<1%
Douglas	3,559	3%
Eagle	1,073	1%
El Paso	14,945	14%
Elbert	310	<1%
Fremont	981	1%
Garfield	1,246	1%
Gilpin	322	<1%
Grand	389	<1%
Gunnison	287	<1%
Hinsdale	14	<1%
Huerfano	211	<1%
Jackson	14	<1%
Jefferson	12,207	11%
Kiowa	18	<1%
Kit Carson	68	<1%
La Plata	1,694	2%
Lake	202	<1%
Larimer	4,717	4%
Las Animas	208	<1%
Lincoln	50	<1%
Logan	223	<1%
Mesa	1,930	2%
Mineral	12	<1%
Moffat	180	<1%
Montezuma	671	1%
Montrose	607	1%
Morgan	202	<1%
Otero	264	<1%
Ouray	140	<1%
Park	682	1%
Phillips	31	<1%
Pitkin	666	1%
Prowers	118	<1%
Pueblo	2,800	3%
Rio Blanco	68	<1%
Rio Grande	124	<1%
Routt	819	1%
Saguache	182	<1%
San Juan	19	<1%
San Miguel	314	<1%
Sedgwick	28	<1%
Summit	982	1%
Teller	912	1%
Washington	50	<1%
Weld	3,452	3%
Yuma	91	<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	1,170	1%
Cancer	2,929	3%
Glaucoma	1,104	1%
HIV/AIDS	660	1%
Muscle Spasms	15,595	14%
Seizures	1,861	2%
Severe Pain	102,418	94%
Severe Nausea	11,313	10%

**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	67%	41
Female	33%	44

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