

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of August 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:

- 230,847 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 109,622.
- Sixty-seven percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently sixty 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	8,448	8%
Alamosa	199	<1%
Arapahoe	11,414	10%
Archuleta	381	<1%
Baca	38	<1%
Bent	66	<1%
Boulder	9,163	8%
Broomfield	1,091	1%
Chaffee	606	1%
Cheyenne	30	<1%
Clear Creek	389	<1%
Conejos	65	<1%
Costilla	142	<1%
Crowley	63	<1%
Custer	120	<1%
Delta	473	<1%
Denver	18,565	17%

Dolores	66	<1%
Douglas	3,610	3%
Eagle	1,071	1%
El Paso	15,061	14%
Elbert	313	<1%
Fremont	983	1%
Garfield	1,245	1%
Gilpin	313	<1%
Grand	387	<1%
Gunnison	286	<1%
Hinsdale	11	<1%
Huerfano	212	<1%
Jackson	13	<1%
Jefferson	12,250	11%
Kiowa	19	<1%
Kit Carson	67	<1%
La Plata	1,693	2%
Lake	202	<1%
Larimer	4,769	4%
Las Animas	207	<1%
Lincoln	54	<1%
Logan	215	<1%
Mesa	1,917	2%
Mineral	13	<1%
Moffat	179	<1%
Montezuma	687	1%
Montrose	605	1%
Morgan	199	<1%
Otero	262	<1%
Ouray	141	<1%
Park	669	1%
Phillips	28	<1%
Pitkin	676	1%
Prowers	114	<1%
Pueblo	2,829	3%
Rio Blanco	69	<1%
Rio Grande	122	<1%
Routt	796	1%
Saguache	178	<1%
San Juan	17	<1%
San Miguel	294	<1%
Sedgwick	28	<1%
Summit	994	1%
Teller	897	1%
Washington	47	<1%
Weld	3,470	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	1,172	1%
Cancer	2,990	3%
Glaucoma	1,108	1%
HIV/AIDS	664	1%
Muscle Spasms	15,364	14%
Seizures	1,882	2%
Severe Pain	102,701	94%
Severe Nausea	11,221	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.