Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update (as of September 30, 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:

- 234,406 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 112,862.
- Sixty-seven percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently ninety 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	8,686	8%
Alamosa	209	<1%
Arapahoe	11,784	10%
Archuleta	401	<1%
Baca	40	<1%
Bent	67	<1%
Boulder	9,356	8%
Broomfield	1,137	1%
Chaffee	602	1%
Cheyenne	30	<1%
Clear Creek	408	<1%
Conejos	65	<1%
Costilla	143	<1%
Crowley	64	<1%
Custer	124	<1%
Delta	490	<1%
Denver	19,196	17%

Dolores	68	<1%
Douglas	3,697	3%
Eagle	1,120	1%
El Paso	15,591	14%
Elbert	327	<1%
Fremont	1,016	1%
Garfield	1,280	1%
Gilpin	310	<1%
Grand	390	<1%
Gunnison	289	<1%
Hinsdale	16	<1%
Huerfano	218	<1%
Jackson	14	<1%
Jefferson	12,618	11%
Kiowa	21	<1%
Kit Carson	70	<1%
La Plata	1,737	2%
Lake	205	<1%
Larimer	4,898	4%
Las Animas	209	<1%
Lincoln	55	<1%
Logan	212	<1%
Mesa	1,965	2%
Mineral	16	<1%
Moffat	176	<1%
Montezuma	697	1%
Montrose	614	1%
Morgan	200	<1%
Otero	266	<1%
Ouray	145	<1%
Park	678	1%
Phillips	25	<1%
Pitkin	679	1%
Prowers	118	<1%
Pueblo	2,885	3%
Rio Blanco	69	<1%
Rio Grande	133	<1%
Routt	831	1%
Saguache	186	<1%
San Juan	18	<1%
San Miguel	299	<1%
Sedgwick	31	<1%
Summit	1,020	1%
Teller	915	1%
Washington	50	<1%
Weld	3,591	3%
Yuma	92	<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	1,206	1%
Cancer	3,132	3%
Glaucoma	1,123	1%
HIV/AIDS	683	1%
Muscle Spasms	15,588	14%
Seizures	1,978	2%
Severe Pain	105,667	94%
Severe Nausea	11,380	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.