

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

- 238,271 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 112,149.
- Sixty-seven percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently 128 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-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.
- 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	8,633	8%
Alamosa	205	<1%
Arapahoe	11,832	11%
Archuleta	386	<1%
Baca	39	<1%
Bent	66	<1%
Boulder	9,226	8%
Broomfield	1,132	1%
Chaffee	593	1%
Cheyenne	27	<1%
Clear Creek	397	<1%
Conejos	62	<1%
Costilla	137	<1%
Crowley	63	<1%
Custer	117	<1%
Delta	488	<1%
Denver	19,273	17%

Dolores	70	<1%
Douglas	3,686	3%
Eagle	1,087	1%
El Paso	15,533	14%
Elbert	322	<1%
Fremont	992	1%
Garfield	1,249	1%
Gilpin	307	<1%
Grand	376	<1%
Gunnison	285	<1%
Hinsdale	16	<1%
Huerfano	210	<1%
Jackson	15	<1%
Jefferson	12,545	11%
Kiowa	21	<1%
Kit Carson	72	<1%
La Plata	1,698	2%
Lake	201	<1%
Larimer	4,821	4%
Las Animas	212	<1%
Lincoln	56	<1%
Logan	202	<1%
Mesa	1,934	2%
Mineral	16	<1%
Moffat	178	<1%
Montezuma	692	1%
Montrose	603	1%
Morgan	202	<1%
Otero	272	<1%
Ouray	147	<1%
Park	672	1%
Phillips	25	<1%
Pitkin	664	1%
Prowers	118	<1%
Pueblo	2,842	3%
Rio Blanco	68	<1%
Rio Grande	135	<1%
Routt	826	1%
Saguache	179	<1%
San Juan	18	<1%
San Miguel	290	<1%
Sedgwick	32	<1%
Summit	1,015	1%
Teller	883	1%
Washington	49	<1%
Weld	3,549	3%
Yuma	88	<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	1,191	1%
Cancer	3,119	3%
Glaucoma	1,123	1%
HIV/AIDS	672	1%
Muscle Spasms	15,310	14%
Seizures	2,034	2%
Severe Pain	104,935	94%
Severe Nausea	11,213	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.