

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of November 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:

- 241,395 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 110,785.
- Sixty-seven percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently 160 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 13 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	8,565	8%
Alamosa	202	<1%
Arapahoe	11,730	11%
Archuleta	364	<1%
Baca	34	<1%
Bent	70	<1%
Boulder	9,063	8%
Broomfield	1,113	1%
Chaffee	546	<1%
Cheyenne	25	<1%
Clear Creek	388	<1%
Conejos	63	<1%
Costilla	131	<1%
Crowley	59	<1%
Custer	106	<1%
Delta	462	<1%
Denver	19,197	17%

Dolores	70	<1%
Douglas	3,641	3%
Eagle	1,087	1%
El Paso	15,394	14%
Elbert	310	<1%
Fremont	971	1%
Garfield	1,209	1%
Gilpin	300	<1%
Grand	363	<1%
Gunnison	271	<1%
Hinsdale	14	<1%
Huerfano	213	<1%
Jackson	15	<1%
Jefferson	12,500	11%
Kiowa	22	<1%
Kit Carson	70	<1%
La Plata	1,674	2%
Lake	194	<1%
Larimer	4,745	4%
Las Animas	210	<1%
Lincoln	56	<1%
Logan	196	<1%
Mesa	1,863	2%
Mineral	16	<1%
Moffat	170	<1%
Montezuma	659	1%
Montrose	575	1%
Morgan	196	<1%
Otero	261	<1%
Ouray	151	<1%
Park	666	1%
Phillips	22	<1%
Pitkin	655	1%
Prowers	115	<1%
Pueblo	2,783	3%
Rio Blanco	63	<1%
Rio Grande	130	<1%
Routt	812	1%
Saguache	167	<1%
San Juan	17	<1%
San Miguel	270	<1%
Sedgwick	33	<1%
Summit	997	1%
Teller	874	1%
Washington	48	<1%
Weld	3,508	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	1,188	1%
Cancer	3,096	3%
Glaucoma	1,116	1%
HIV/AIDS	662	1%
Muscle Spasms	14,857	13%
Seizures	2,040	2%
Severe Pain	103,628	94%
Severe Nausea	11,013	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%	40
Female	33%	44

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