Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update (as of December 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:

- 244,508 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 110,979.
- Sixty-seven percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 41. Currently 199 patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Sixty 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	8,664	8%
Alamosa	200	<1%
Arapahoe	11,893	11%
Archuleta	366	<1%
Baca	35	<1%
Bent	72	<1%
Boulder	9,046	8%
Broomfield	1,120	1%
Chaffee	532	<1%
Cheyenne	27	<1%
Clear Creek	393	<1%
Conejos	62	<1%
Costilla	128	<1%
Crowley	57	<1%
Custer	107	<1%
Delta	448	<1%
Denver	19,460	18%

Dolores	70	<1%
Douglas	3,644	3%
Eagle	1,082	1%
El Paso	15,320	14%
Elbert	301	<1%
Fremont	952	1%
Garfield	1,180	1%
Gilpin	290	<1%
Grand	367	<1%
Gunnison	263	<1%
Hinsdale	13	<1%
Huerfano	202	<1%
Jackson	17	<1%
Jefferson	12,563	11%
Kiowa	22	<1%
Kit Carson	68	<1%
La Plata	1,632	1%
Lake	194	<1%
Larimer	4,748	4%
Las Animas	202	<1%
Lincoln	56	<1%
Logan	194	<1%
Mesa	1,812	2%
Mineral	17	<1%
Moffat	164	<1%
Montezuma	648	1%
Montrose	566	1%
Morgan	191	<1%
Otero	270	<1%
Ouray	150	<1%
Park	668	1%
Phillips	23	<1%
Pitkin	665	1%
Prowers	116	<1%
Pueblo	2,748	2%
Rio Blanco	59	<1%
Rio Grande	130	<1%
Routt	808	1%
Saguache	170	<1%
San Juan	19	<1%
San Miguel	268	<1%
Sedgwick	33	<1%
Summit	979	1%
Teller	855	1%
Washington	48	<1%
Weld	3,491	3%
Yuma * Indicates favor the	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	1,165	1%
Cancer	3,079	3%
Glaucoma	1,113	1%
HIV/AIDS	657	1%
Muscle Spasms	14,714	13%
Seizures	2,098	2%
Severe Pain	103,825	94%
Severe Nausea	11,023	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 41 years old.