

**Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update**  
**(as of January 31, 2014)**

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:

- 247,905 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 111,030.
- Sixty-seven percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 41. Currently 215 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

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percent of Patients</b>
Adams	8,772	8%
Alamosa	204	<1%
Arapahoe	11,985	11%
Archuleta	378	<1%
Baca	35	<1%
Bent	73	<1%
Boulder	8,939	8%
Broomfield	1,127	1%
Chaffee	511	<1%
Cheyenne	28	<1%
Clear Creek	384	<1%
Conejos	60	<1%
Costilla	131	<1%
Crowley	59	<1%
Custer	103	<1%
Delta	449	<1%
Denver	19,582	18%

Dolores	67	<1%
Douglas	3,596	3%
Eagle	1,102	1%
El Paso	15,328	14%
Elbert	294	<1%
Fremont	959	1%
Garfield	1,169	1%
Gilpin	284	<1%
Grand	355	<1%
Gunnison	264	<1%
Hinsdale	14	<1%
Huerfano	204	<1%
Jackson	20	<1%
Jefferson	12,582	11%
Kiowa	24	<1%
Kit Carson	65	<1%
La Plata	1,620	1%
Lake	189	<1%
Larimer	4,785	4%
Las Animas	199	<1%
Lincoln	56	<1%
Logan	193	<1%
Mesa	1,755	2%
Mineral	17	<1%
Moffat	169	<1%
Montezuma	636	1%
Montrose	549	<1%
Morgan	191	<1%
Otero	270	<1%
Ouray	151	<1%
Park	651	1%
Phillips	25	<1%
Pitkin	632	1%
Prowers	113	<1%
Pueblo	2,757	2%
Rio Blanco	55	<1%
Rio Grande	132	<1%
Routt	802	1%
Saguache	166	<1%
San Juan	19	<1%
San Miguel	264	<1%
Sedgwick	34	<1%
Summit	951	1%
Teller	866	1%
Washington	52	<1%
Weld	3,495	3%
Yuma	90	<1%

\* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

<b>Reported Condition</b>	<b>Number of Patients Reporting Condition</b>	<b>Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**</b>
Cachexia	1,126	1%
Cancer	3,118	3%
Glaucoma	1,133	1%
HIV/AIDS	668	1%
Muscle Spasms	14,632	13%
Seizures	2,111	2%
Severe Pain	103,918	94%
Severe Nausea	10,904	10%

\*\*Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Percent on Registry</b>	<b>Average Age**</b>
Male	67%	40
Female	33%	44

\*\* The overall average age of all patients is 41 years old.