

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of February 28, 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:

- 251,376 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 113,441.
- Sixty-seven percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 41. Currently 248 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-six 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 \$15, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007, from \$90 on January 1, 2012, and from \$35 on February 1, 2014.

Table I: County Information

County	Number of Patients	Percent of Patients
Adams	8,962	8%
Alamosa	205	<1%
Arapahoe	12,214	11%
Archuleta	407	<1%
Baca	37	<1%
Bent	69	<1%
Boulder	9,071	8%
Broomfield	1,153	1%
Chaffee	519	<1%
Cheyenne	29	<1%
Clear Creek	397	<1%
Conejos	61	<1%
Costilla	131	<1%
Crowley	60	<1%
Custer	100	<1%
Delta	454	<1%
Denver	19,981	18%

Dolores	65	<1%
Douglas	3,696	3%
Eagle	1,124	1%
El Paso	15,817	14%
Elbert	295	<1%
Fremont	984	1%
Garfield	1,193	1%
Gilpin	289	<1%
Grand	358	<1%
Gunnison	277	<1%
Hinsdale	10	<1%
Huerfano	201	<1%
Jackson	21	<1%
Jefferson	12,851	11%
Kiowa	22	<1%
Kit Carson	68	<1%
La Plata	1,658	1%
Lake	194	<1%
Larimer	4,915	4%
Las Animas	203	<1%
Lincoln	56	<1%
Logan	195	<1%
Mesa	1,767	2%
Mineral	20	<1%
Moffat	170	<1%
Montezuma	638	1%
Montrose	557	<1%
Morgan	199	<1%
Otero	270	<1%
Ouray	159	<1%
Park	654	1%
Phillips	26	<1%
Pitkin	625	1%
Prowers	117	<1%
Pueblo	2,855	3%
Rio Blanco	53	<1%
Rio Grande	140	<1%
Routt	815	1%
Saguache	167	<1%
San Juan	19	<1%
San Miguel	263	<1%
Sedgwick	34	<1%
Summit	953	1%
Teller	890	1%
Washington	55	<1%
Weld	3,561	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	1,142	1%
Cancer	3,243	3%
Glaucoma	1,170	1%
HIV/AIDS	676	1%
Muscle Spasms	14,981	13%
Seizures	2,184	2%
Severe Pain	106,141	94%
Severe Nausea	11,135	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.