

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of March 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:

- 255,059 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 115,208.
- Sixty-six percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently 285 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 it 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	9,012	8%
Alamosa	212	<1%
Arapahoe	12,426	11%
Archuleta	447	<1%
Baca	35	<1%
Bent	66	<1%
Boulder	9,093	8%
Broomfield	1,175	1%
Chaffee	505	<1%
Cheyenne	28	<1%
Clear Creek	404	<1%
Conejos	67	<1%
Costilla	131	<1%
Crowley	61	<1%
Custer	106	<1%
Delta	471	<1%
Denver	20,164	18%

Dolores	68	<1%
Douglas	3,770	3%
Eagle	1,148	1%
El Paso	16,223	14%
Elbert	318	<1%
Fremont	1,022	1%
Garfield	1,217	1%
Gilpin	291	<1%
Grand	377	<1%
Gunnison	294	<1%
Hinsdale	12	<1%
Huerfano	200	<1%
Jackson	21	<1%
Jefferson	12,995	11%
Kiowa	22	<1%
Kit Carson	68	<1%
La Plata	1,694	1%
Lake	194	<1%
Larimer	5,008	4%
Las Animas	202	<1%
Lincoln	55	<1%
Logan	207	<1%
Mesa	1,815	2%
Mineral	21	<1%
Moffat	169	<1%
Montezuma	646	1%
Montrose	568	<1%
Morgan	202	<1%
Otero	269	<1%
Ouray	165	<1%
Park	668	1%
Phillips	31	<1%
Pitkin	644	1%
Prowers	123	<1%
Pueblo	2,929	3%
Rio Blanco	54	<1%
Rio Grande	139	<1%
Routt	825	1%
Saguache	164	<1%
San Juan	20	<1%
San Miguel	270	<1%
Sedgwick	56	<1%
Summit	951	1%
Teller	904	1%
Washington	61	<1%
Weld	3,613	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	1,125	1%
Cancer	3,325	3%
Glaucoma	1,184	1%
HIV/AIDS	673	1%
Muscle Spasms	15,322	13%
Seizures	2,269	2%
Severe Pain	107,806	94%
Severe Nausea	11,205	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	66%	40
Female	34%	44

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