

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of May 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:

- 261,791 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 115,210.
- Sixty-six percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently 335 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 14 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Fifty-four 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	8,777	8%
Alamosa	232	<1%
Arapahoe	12,298	11%
Archuleta	474	<1%
Baca	35	<1%
Bent	66	<1%
Boulder	8,839	8%
Broomfield	1,162	1%
Chaffee	514	<1%
Cheyenne	26	<1%
Clear Creek	404	<1%
Conejos	74	<1%
Costilla	137	<1%
Crowley	57	<1%
Custer	99	<1%
Delta	497	<1%
Denver	19,846	17%

Dolores	65	<1%
Douglas	3,755	3%
Eagle	1,142	1%
El Paso	16,744	15%
Elbert	309	<1%
Fremont	1,081	1%
Garfield	1,252	1%
Gilpin	305	<1%
Grand	379	<1%
Gunnison	288	<1%
Hinsdale	13	<1%
Huerfano	203	<1%
Jackson	22	<1%
Jefferson	12,967	11%
Kiowa	19	<1%
Kit Carson	74	<1%
La Plata	1,776	2%
Lake	188	<1%
Larimer	5,088	4%
Las Animas	232	<1%
Lincoln	51	<1%
Logan	209	<1%
Mesa	1,836	2%
Mineral	24	<1%
Moffat	164	<1%
Montezuma	628	1%
Montrose	606	1%
Morgan	198	<1%
Otero	266	<1%
Ouray	166	<1%
Park	691	1%
Phillips	36	<1%
Pitkin	631	1%
Prowers	121	<1%
Pueblo	2,993	3%
Rio Blanco	64	<1%
Rio Grande	151	<1%
Routt	818	1%
Saguache	166	<1%
San Juan	20	<1%
San Miguel	275	<1%
Sedgwick	60	<1%
Summit	911	1%
Teller	924	1%
Washington	62	<1%
Weld	3,611	3%
Yuma	89	<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	1,137	1%
Cancer	3,444	3%
Glaucoma	1,198	1%
HIV/AIDS	676	1%
Muscle Spasms	15,844	14%
Seizures	2,355	2%
Severe Pain	107,720	94%
Severe Nausea	10,994	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%	41
Female	34%	44

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