

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of July 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:

- 267,834 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 111,804.
- Sixty-six percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently 385 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 93 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-three 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.
- Nearly 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	8,432	8%
Alamosa	228	<1%
Arapahoe	11,897	11%
Archuleta	494	<1%
Baca	33	<1%
Bent	62	<1%
Boulder	8,566	8%
Broomfield	1,142	1%
Chaffee	480	<1%
Cheyenne	25	<1%
Clear Creek	394	<1%
Conejos	77	<1%
Costilla	132	<1%
Crowley	58	<1%
Custer	97	<1%
Delta	470	<1%
Denver	19,174	17%

Dolores	61	<1%
Douglas	3,654	3%
Eagle	1,094	1%
El Paso	16,420	15%
Elbert	308	<1%
Fremont	1,068	1%
Garfield	1,217	1%
Gilpin	287	<1%
Grand	372	<1%
Gunnison	267	<1%
Hinsdale	11	<1%
Huerfano	198	<1%
Jackson	22	<1%
Jefferson	12,544	11%
Kiowa	19	<1%
Kit Carson	65	<1%
La Plata	1,747	2%
Lake	176	<1%
Larimer	4,967	4%
Las Animas	229	<1%
Lincoln	51	<1%
Logan	213	<1%
Mesa	1,761	2%
Mineral	27	<1%
Moffat	160	<1%
Montezuma	602	1%
Montrose	587	1%
Morgan	193	<1%
Otero	251	<1%
Ouray	159	<1%
Park	671	1%
Phillips	36	<1%
Pitkin	601	1%
Prowers	120	<1%
Pueblo	2,930	3%
Rio Blanco	59	<1%
Rio Grande	152	<1%
Routt	788	1%
Saguache	160	<1%
San Juan	19	<1%
San Miguel	265	<1%
Sedgwick	59	<1%
Summit	889	1%
Teller	918	1%
Washington	59	<1%
Weld	3,499	3%
Yuma	88	<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	1109	1%
Cancer	3423	3%
Glaucoma	1158	1%
HIV/AIDS	661	1%
Muscle Spasms	15507	14%
Seizures	2330	2%
Severe Pain	104489	93%
Severe Nausea	10649	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.

Table IV: User Characteristics

Age Group (in Years)	Number of Patients	Percent on Registry
0-10	213	0.2%
11-20	6,089	5.4%
21-30	26,318	23.5%
31-40	23,823	21.3%
41-50	18,404	16.5%
51-60	21,462	19.2%
61-70	13,294	11.9%
71+	2,201	2.0%