

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of December 31, 2010)

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:

- 125,772 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 116,198.
- Sixty-nine percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 40. Currently twenty-nine patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-six 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 22 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-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).
- More than 1,100 different physicians have signed for 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 \$90, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007.

Table I: County Information

County	Number of Patients	Percent of Patients
Adams	8,291	7%
Alamosa	272	<1%
Arapahoe	10,381	9%
Archuleta	389	<1%
Baca	59	<1%
Bent	39	<1%
Boulder	10,880	9%
Broomfield	1,136	1%
Chaffee	543	<1%
Cheyenne	23	<1%
Clear Creek	465	<1%
Conejos	103	<1%
Costilla	119	<1%
Crowley	61	<1%
Custer	76	<1%
Delta	751	1%
Denver	17,181	15%
Dolores	76	<1%

Douglas	3,934	3%
Eagle	1,514	1%
El Paso	12,173	10%
Elbert	396	<1%
Fremont	1,007	1%
Garfield	1,815	2%
Gilpin	416	<1%
Grand	438	<1%
Gunnison	572	<1%
Hinsdale	21	<1%
Huerfano	170	<1%
Jackson	17	<1%
Jefferson	13,506	12%
Kiowa	13	<1%
Kit Carson	43	<1%
La Plata	1,654	1%
Lake	297	<1%
Larimer	8,334	7%
Las Animas	242	<1%
Lincoln	34	<1%
Logan	214	<1%
Mesa	3,274	3%
Mineral	14	<1%
Moffat	201	<1%
Montezuma	634	1%
Montrose	758	1%
Morgan	196	<1%
Otero	174	<1%
Ouray	144	<1%
Park	888	1%
Phillips	31	<1%
Pitkin	845	1%
Prowers	76	<1%
Pueblo	2,189	2%
Rio Blanco	58	<1%
Rio Grande	168	<1%
Routt	1,045	1%
Saguache	209	<1%
San Juan	31	<1%
San Miguel	598	1%
Sedgwick	21	<1%
Summit	1,487	1%
Teller	949	1%
Washington	47	<1%
Weld	4,415	4%
Yuma	64	<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	1,448	1%
Cancer	2,363	2%
Glaucoma	1,039	1%
HIV/AIDS	602	1%
Muscle Spasms	25,940	22%
Seizures	1,615	1%
Severe Pain	109,661	94%
Severe Nausea	14,485	12%

**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	69%	39
Female	31%	42

** The overall average age of all patients is 40 years old.