Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update (as of December 31, 2012)

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:

- 204,312 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 108,526.
- Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 41. Currently thirty-seven patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-seven 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 16 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Fifty-two 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.
- Approximately 900 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 \$35, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007, and was again lowered from \$90 on January 1, 2012.

Table I: County Information

County	Number of Patients	Percent of Patients
Adams	8,089	7%
Alamosa	235	<1%
Arapahoe	10,610	10%
Archuleta	396	<1%
Baca	46	<1%
Bent	56	<1%
Boulder	9,436	9%
Broomfield	1,049	1%
Chaffee	586	1%
Cheyenne	24	<1%
Clear Creek	421	<1%
Conejos	78	<1%
Costilla	131	<1%
Crowley	75	<1%
Custer	120	<1%
Delta	549	1%
Denver	17,711	16%

Dolores	66	<1%
Douglas	3,369	3%
Eagle	1,106	1%
El Paso	14,888	14%
Elbert	319	<1%
Fremont	1,031	1%
Garfield	1,336	1%
Gilpin	373	<1%
Grand	395	<1%
Gunnison	345	<1%
Hinsdale	20	<1%
Huerfano	211	<1%
Jackson	14	<1%
Jefferson	12,088	11%
Kiowa	12	<1%
Kit Carson	69	<1%
La Plata	1,699	2%
Lake	214	<1%
Larimer	4,909	5%
Las Animas	224	<1%
Lincoln	44	<1%
Logan	203	<1%
Mesa	2,182	2%
Mineral	10	<1%
Moffat	192	<1%
Montezuma	696	1%
Montrose	642	1%
Morgan	215	<1%
Otero	260	<1%
Ouray	127	<1%
Park	690	1%
Phillips	33	<1%
Pitkin	729	1%
Prowers	112	<1%
Pueblo	2,857	3%
Rio Blanco	66	<1%
Rio Grande	141	<1%
Routt	917	1%
Saguache	205	<1%
San Juan	22	<1%
San Miguel	322	<1%
Sedgwick	21	<1%
Summit	1,038	1%
Teller	922	1%
Washington	61	<1%
Weld	3,424	3%
Yuma	95	<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	1,276	1%
Cancer	2,897	3%
Glaucoma	1,092	1%
HIV/AIDS	701	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,853	16%
Seizures	1,839	2%
Severe Pain	101,634	94%
Severe Nausea	11,972	11%

^{**}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	68%	41
Female	32%	43

^{**} The overall average age of all patients is 41 years old.