Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update (as of June 30, 2011)

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:

148,918 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 128,698. Sixty-nine percent of approved applicants are male.

The average age of all patients is 40. Currently forty-five 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 20 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.

Sixty-five 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	9,060	7%
Alamosa	351	<1%
Arapahoe	11,539	9%
Archuleta	413	<1%
Baca	59	<1%
Bent	53	<1%
Boulder	11,833	9%
Broomfield	1,269	1%
Chaffee	667	1%
Cheyenne	27	<1%
Clear Creek	526	<1%
Conejos	134	<1%
Costilla	154	<1%
Crowley	69	<1%
Custer	108	<1%
Delta	842	1%
Denver	19,248	15%
Dolores	77	<1%

Douglas	4,232	3%
Eagle	1,467	1%
El Paso	14,589	11%
Elbert	441	<1%
Fremont	1,224	1%
Garfield	1,855	1%
Gilpin	461	<1%
Grand	443	<1%
Gunnison	601	<1%
Hinsdale	21	<1%
Huerfano	210	<1%
Jackson	20	<1%
Jefferson	14,713	11%
Kiowa	18	<1%
Kit Carson	56	<1%
La Plata	1,882	1%
Lake	303	<1%
Larimer	8,512	7%
Las Animas	283	<1%
Lincoln	40	<1%
Logan	242	<1%
Mesa	3,565	3%
Mineral	15	<1%
Moffat	229	<1%
Montezuma	682	1%
Montrose	901	1%
Morgan	226	<1%
Otero	218	<1%
Ouray	159	<1%
Park	938	1%
Phillips	33	<1%
Pitkin	886	1%
Prowers	99	<1%
Pueblo	2,869	2%
Rio Blanco	85	<1%
Rio Grande	201	<1%
Routt	1,190	1%
Saguache	258	<1%
San Juan	35	<1%
San Miguel	609	<1%
Sedgwick	21	<1%
Summit	1,493	1%
Teller	1,062	1%
Washington	58	<1%
Weld	4,741	4%
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^{*} Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

Reported Condition	Number of Patients Reporting Condition	Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**
Cachexia	1,653	1%
Cancer	2,805	2%
Glaucoma	1,156	1%
HIV/AIDS	678	1%
Muscle Spasms	25,547	20%
Seizures	1,829	1%
Severe Pain	121,397	94%
Severe Nausea	15,652	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.