## Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update (as of March 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:

- 78,559 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. One hundred sixty (160) applications have been denied, 60 cards have been revoked, 464 patients have died, and 2,666 cards have expired, bringing the total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards to 75,209.
- Seventy-two percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 40. Currently twenty-six 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 26 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-six 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 1,200 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	<b>Percent of Patients</b>
Adams	5,756	8%
Alamosa	122	<1%
Arapahoe	6,909	9%
Archuleta	190	<1%
Baca	42	<1%
Bent	23	<1%
Boulder	7,549	10%
Broomfield	783	1%
Chaffee	263	<1%
Cheyenne	12	<1%
Clear Creek	290	<1%
Conejos	37	<1%
Costilla	56	<1%
Crowley	38	<1%
Custer	43	<1%
Delta	373	<1%
Denver	11,510	15%

Dolores	39	<1%
Douglas	2,650	4%
Eagle	1,098	1%
El Paso	6,364	8%
Elbert	254	<1%
Fremont	530	1%
Garfield	1,251	2%
Gilpin	274	<1%
Grand	326	<1%
Gunnison	335	<1%
Hinsdale	15	<1%
Huerfano	108	<1%
Jackson	11	<1%
Jefferson	9,196	12%
Kiowa	4	<1%
Kit Carson	27	<1%
La Plata	800	1%
Lake	234	<1%
Larimer	6,481	9%
Las Animas	119	<1%
Lincoln	18	<1%
Logan	137	<1%
Mesa	1,852	2%
Mineral	5	<1%
Moffat	103	<1%
Montezuma	246	<1%
Montrose	269	<1%
Morgan	131	<1%
Otero	117	<1%
Ouray	56	<1%
Park	577	1%
Phillips	25	<1%
Pitkin	548	1%
Prowers	37	<1%
Pueblo	1,192	2%
Rio Blanco	34	<1%
Rio Grande	66	<1%
Routt	502	1%
Saguache	117	<1%
San Juan	11	<1%
San Miguel	266	<1%
Sedgwick	8	<1%
Summit	1,070	1%
Teller	537	1%
Washington	31	<1%
Weld	3,104	4%
Yuma * Indicates favor the	38	<1%

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

Reported Condition	Number of Patients Reporting Condition	Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**
Cachexia	981	1%
Cancer	1,493	2%
Glaucoma	644	1%
HIV/AIDS	424	1%
Muscle Spasms	19,493	26%
Seizures	1,153	2%
Severe Pain	70,524	94%
Severe Nausea	10,398	14%

<sup>\*\*</sup>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	72%	39
Female	28%	42

<sup>\*\*</sup> The overall average age of all patients is 40 years old.