# Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
## (as of December 31, 2009)

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:

- 43,769 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. Thirty-nine (39) applications have been denied, 28 cards have been revoked, 298 patients have died, and 2,365 cards have expired, bringing the total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards to 41,039.
- Seventy-four percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 40. Currently seventeen 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 92 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 29 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-eight 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 1,000 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 | 3074 | 7% |
| Alamosa | 48 | <1% |
| Arapahoe | 3612 | 9% |
| Archuleta | 122 | <1% |
| Baca | 39 | <1% |
| Bent | 12 | <1% |
| Boulder | 4573 | 11% |
| Broomfield | 436 | 1% |
| Chaffee | 115 | <1% |
| Cheyenne | 7 | <1% |
| Clear Creek | 139 | <1% |
| Conejos | 9 | <1% |
| Costilla | 23 | <1% |
| Crowley | 23 | <1% |
| Custer | 27 | <1% |
| Delta | 224 | 1% |
| Denver | 6053 | 15% |

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|---|---|---|
| Dolores | 25 | <1% |
| Douglas | 1436 | 3% |
| Eagle | 743 | 2% |
| El Paso | 2947 | 7% |
| Elbert | 107 | <1% |
| Fremont | 201 | <1% |
| Garfield | 786 | 2% |
| Gilpin | 179 | <1% |
| Grand | 193 | <1% |
| Gunnison | 190 | <1% |
| Hinsdale | 9 | <1% |
| Huerfano | 64 | <1% |
| Jackson | 6 | <1% |
| Jefferson | 4904 | 12% |
| Kiowa | * | * |
| Kit Carson | 16 | <1% |
| La Plata | 518 | 1% |
| Lake | 143 | <1% |
| Larimer | 3765 | 9% |
| Las Animas | 59 | <1% |
| Lincoln | 12 | <1% |
| Logan | 57 | <1% |
| Mesa | 1058 | 3% |
| Mineral | * | * |
| Moffat | 55 | <1% |
| Montezuma | 153 | <1% |
| Montrose | 173 | <1% |
| Morgan | 51 | <1% |
| Otero | 77 | <1% |
| Ouray | 36 | <1% |
| Park | 324 | 1% |
| Phillips | 15 | <1% |
| Pitkin | 388 | 1% |
| Prowers | 17 | <1% |
| Pueblo | 505 | 1% |
| Rio Blanco | 22 | <1% |
| Rio Grande | 26 | <1% |
| Routt | 276 | 1% |
| Saguache | 65 | <1% |
| San Juan | 4 | <1% |
| San Luis | * | * |
| San Miguel | 149 | <1% |
| Sedgwick | 7 | <1% |
| Summit | 654 | 2% |
| Teller | 300 | 1% |
| Washington | 12 | <1% |
| Weld | 1754 | 4% |
| Yuma | 18 | <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 | 700 | 2% |
| Cancer | 908 | 2% |
| Glaucoma | 382 | 1% |
| HIV/AIDS | 296 | 1% |
| Muscle Spasms | 12,077 | 29% |
| Seizures | 764 | 2% |
| Severe Pain | 37,912 | 92% |
| Severe Nausea | 6,696 | 16% |

**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 | 74% | 39 |
| Female | 26% | 42 |

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