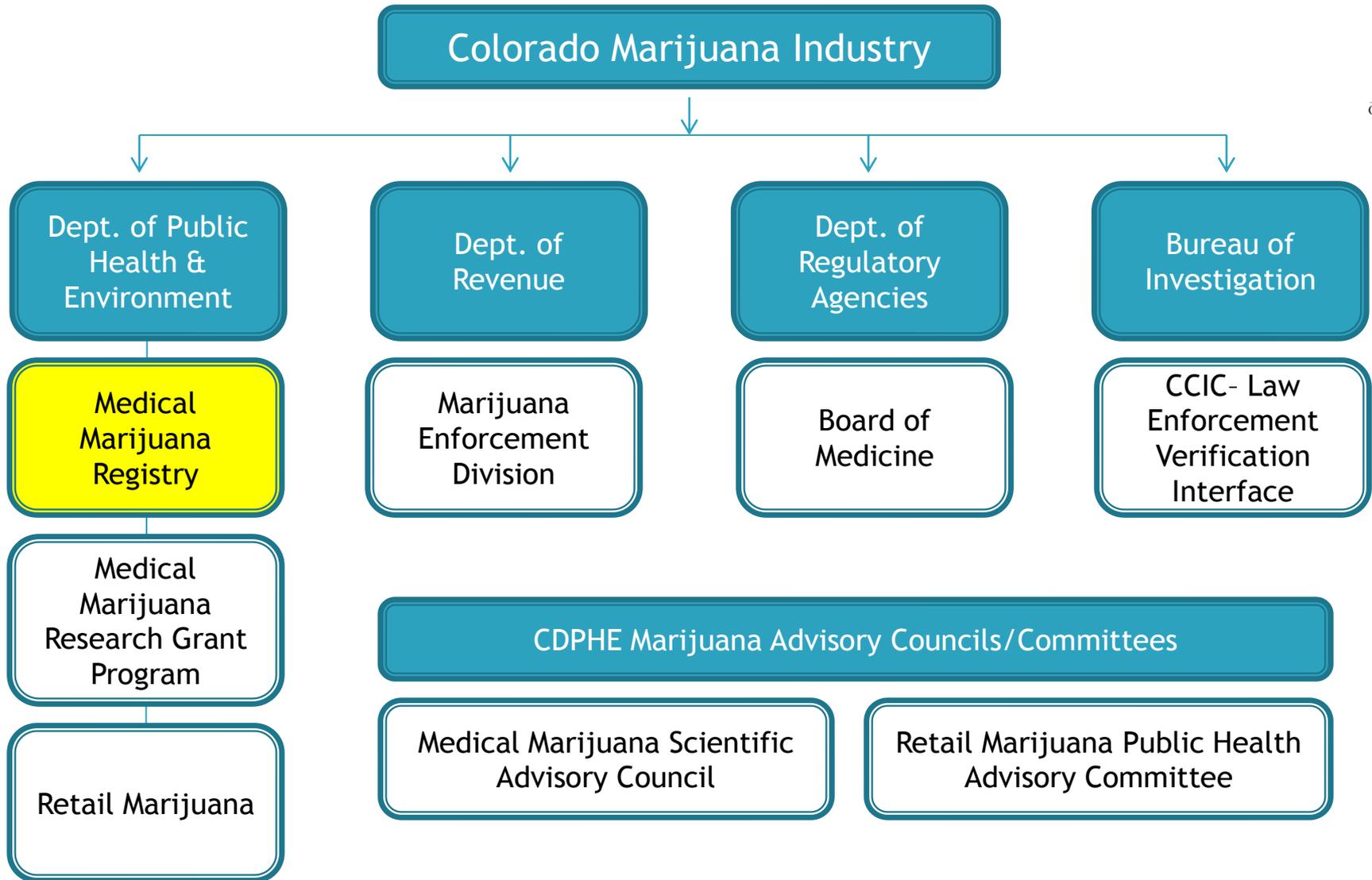




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Colorado Medical Marijuana Registry

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Medical Marijuana Registry's Mission

The Medical Marijuana Registry supports Colorado citizen's medical care needs by administering a statewide program for legal access to medical marijuana.

- ▶ ISSUE registration cards within 35 days.
- ▶ SUPPORT patients and community partners in understanding and complying with the laws and regulations.
- ▶ ASSESS trends in data.
- ▶ COLLABORATE with state and local partners to develop cohesive and effective marijuana programs and regulations.

Program History



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2000

Colorado voters passed Constitutional Amendment 20.

2001

The Medical Marijuana Registry was implemented.

- 1 employee
- 94 patients
- Marijuana cultivation by patients or caregivers
- Simple Microsoft Access database

2010

Legislation passed establishing the Marijuana Enforcement Division at the Dept. of Revenue and providing regulation for medical marijuana centers.

Present

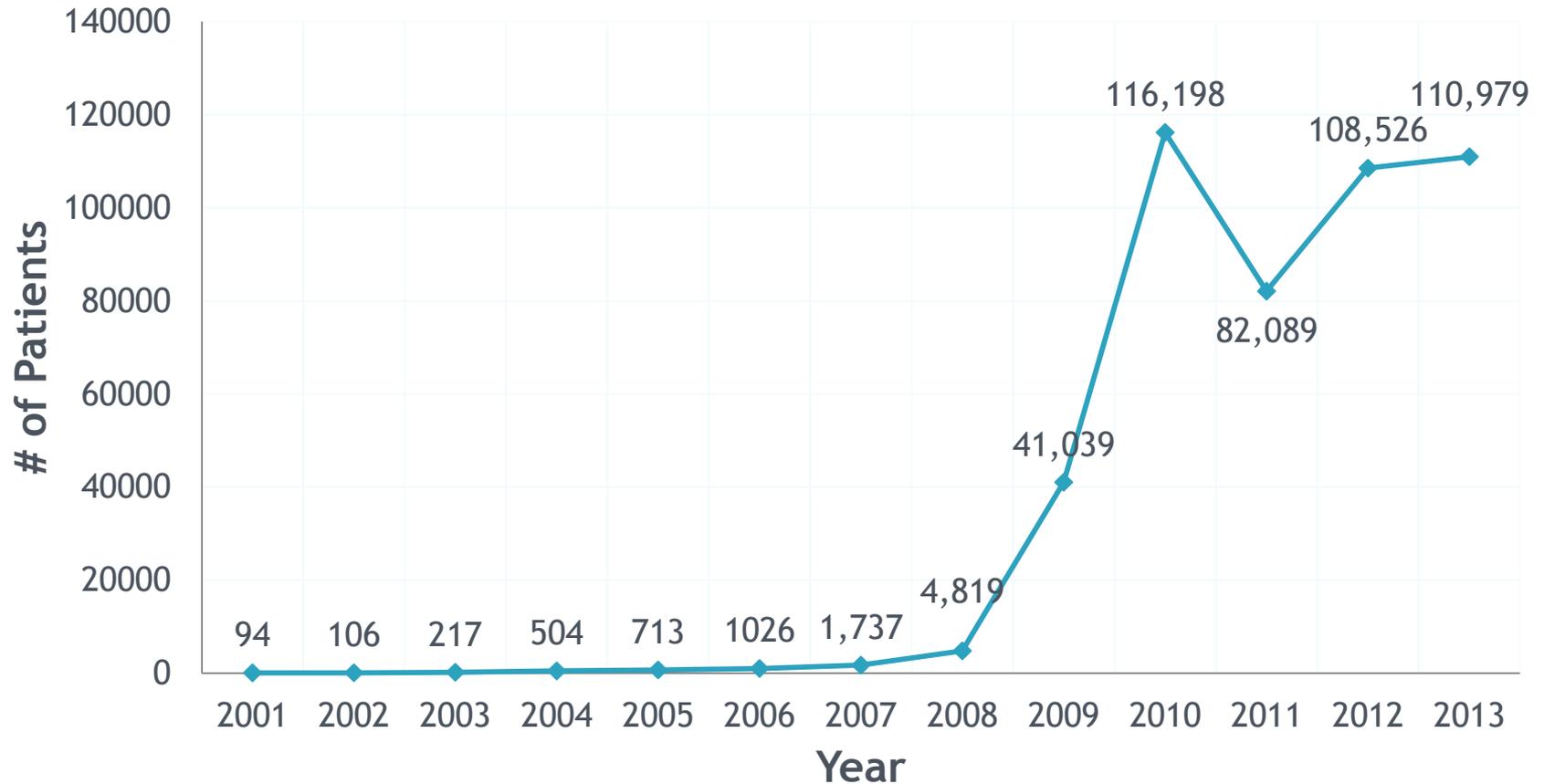
More than 261,000 patients have applied for a registration card. As of June 30, 2014:

- 30 employees
- 113,506 patients
- 2,895 Caregivers and 1,680 MMCS cultivating marijuana for patients with active cards.
- 600 pieces of mail daily
- 10,000 applications monthly and nearly 10,000 change requests
- More than 1,100 different physicians.

Active Patients by Year 2009 to 2013



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2010 - Significant increase due to passage of HB-1284 and SB 10-109

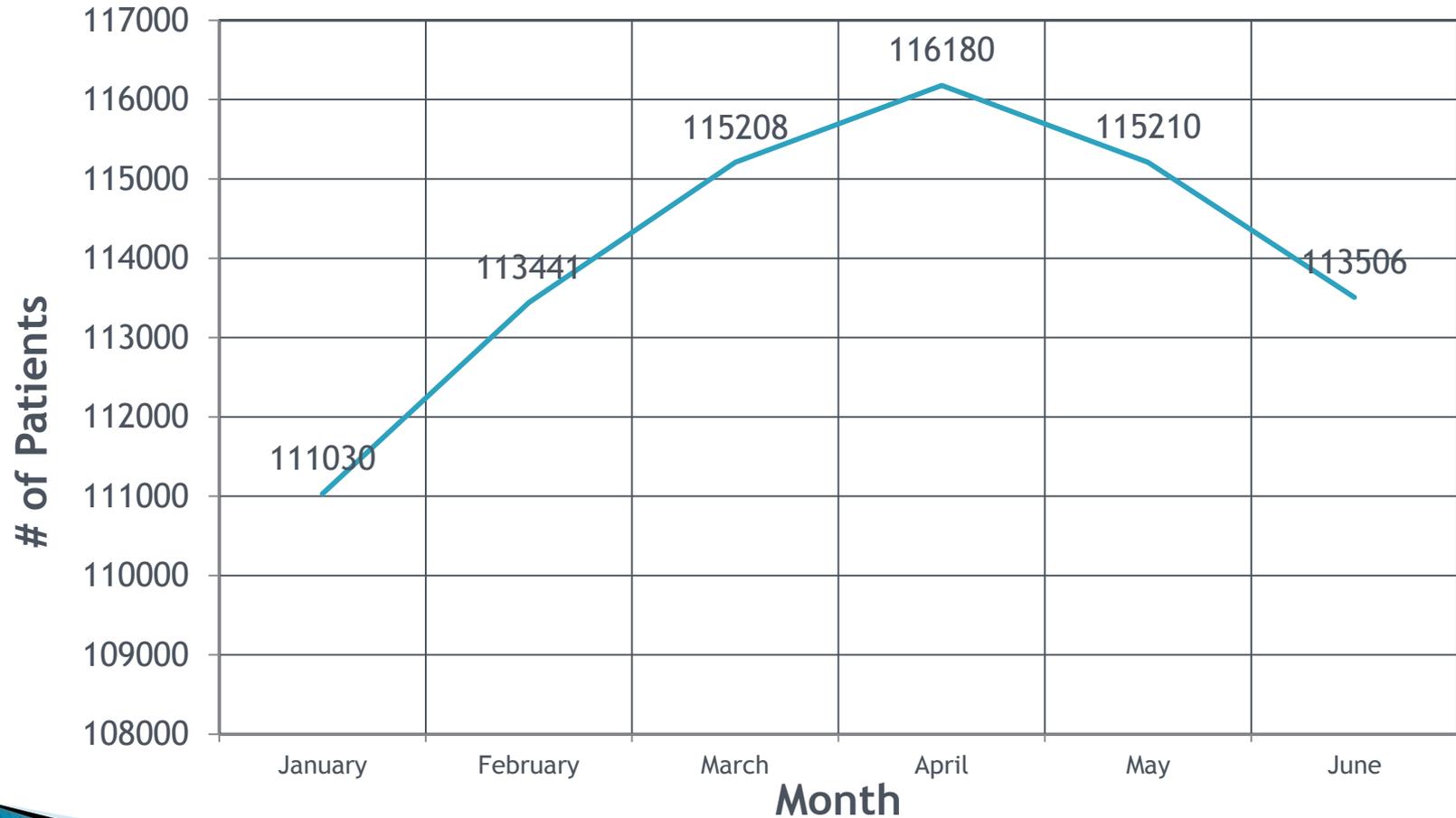
2011 - Data reflects application processing backlog

2012 - Standardization of process resulted in elimination of backlog, steady incline continues

Active Patients By Month - 2014



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Eligibility Requirements



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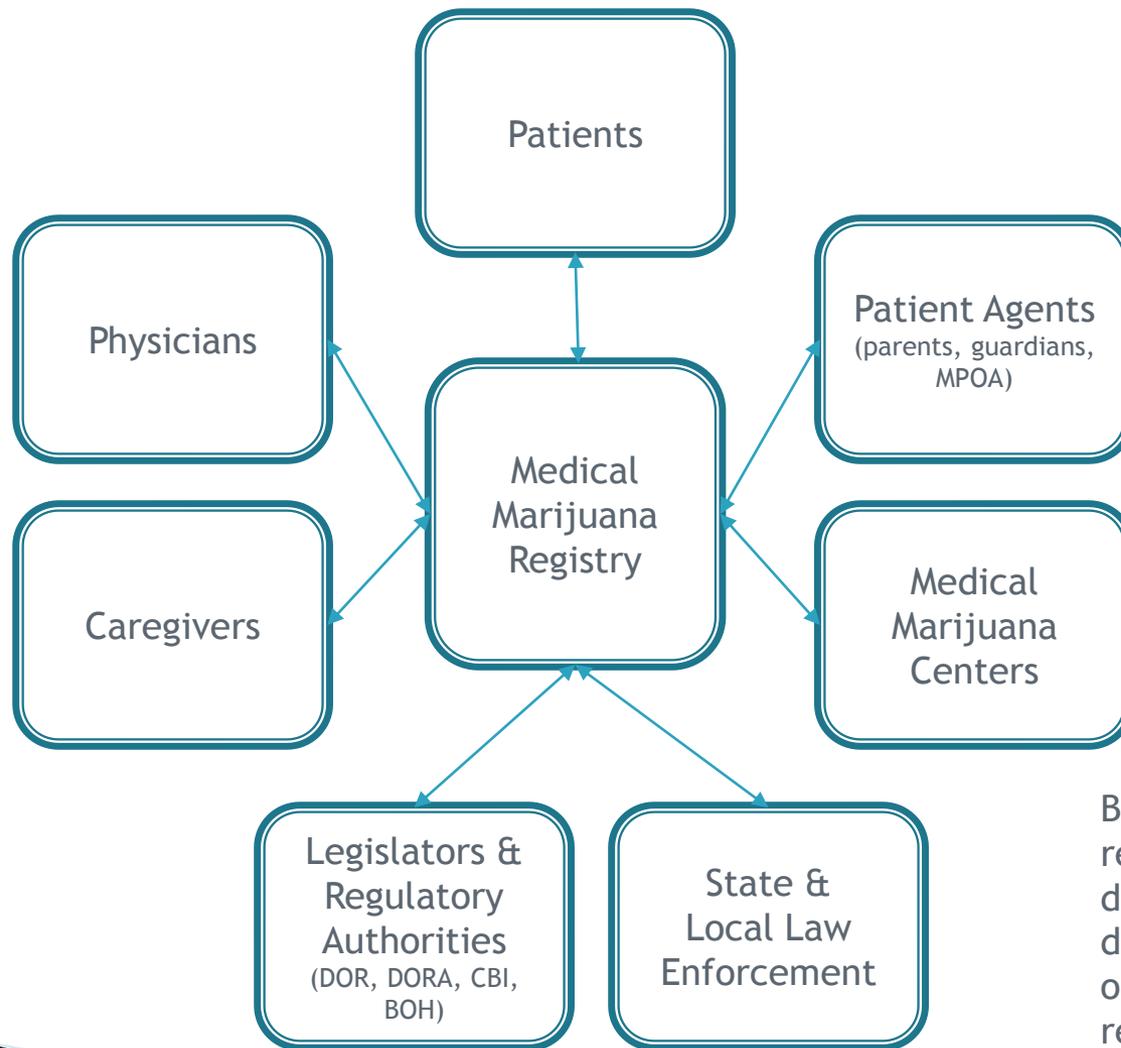
Medical marijuana registration cards are *only* available to **Colorado residents** suffering from one or more of the following debilitating medical conditions. Colorado Medical Marijuana Registration Cards are only valid in the state of Colorado.

- Cancer
- Glaucoma
- Positive status for HIV or AIDS
- *OR* a chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition, or treatment for such conditions, which produces:
 - Cachexia
 - Severe pain
 - Severe nausea
 - Seizures, including those that are characteristic of epilepsy
 - Persistent muscle spasms, including those that are characteristic of multiple sclerosis

Primary Community Partners



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By Colorado constitution, the registry is a confidential database. Patient-specific data is never shared with outside partners, except as required for law enforcement purposes.

The Registration Process

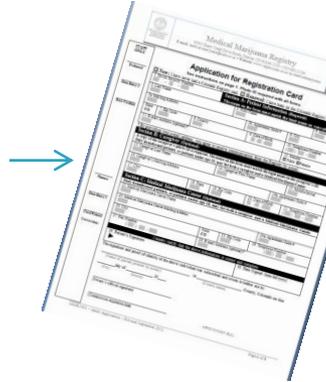


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Step 1:

Patient is examined by a Colorado licensed M.D. or D.O. in good standing, After examination, the physician completes a physician certification form recommending medical marijuana.



Step 2:

Patient completes the application for registration card and signs it in front of a notary.



Step 3:

Patient mails complete application to MMR or puts the paperwork in the drop-box.

The Registry recommends sending applications by certified mail so that paperwork can be tracked if necessary.

A complete application packet includes:

- Application for registration card.
- Physician certification dated within 60 days.
- \$15 application fee or completed request for fee waiver.
- Copy of valid ID
- If ID is out of state, proof of residency paperwork

Step 4:

All paperwork is evaluated against form criteria and legislative requirements.



Step 4- Approved:

Referred to payment processing and card issuance.

Step 4-Rejected:

Referred to payment processing and a Rejection of Application form is sent to patient.

Step 5:

All funds received by the Registry are nonrefundable. Check or money order are made payable to CDPHE. **Cash is not advised.** Credit cards are not accepted at this time.



Step 6:

Cards are printed once an application is approved and payment has been processed. Cards are mailed standard first class mail to the address on the application.

Processing Time:

Patients are encouraged to allow 45 - 60 days for the entire process, including physician exam. It takes up to 35 days for an application to be processed once the Registry has received a complete application packet.

Responding to State Audit & Community Needs



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- ▶ State Audit recommendations
 - Improve oversight of physicians
 - Strengthen oversight of caregiver activities
 - Improve timeliness of processing applications
- ▶ Board of Health rule-making hearing Sept. 16, 2014
 - New regulations for the Research Grant Program
 - Process for medical marijuana centers designation
 - Proof of residency requirements
 - Caregiver patient limits

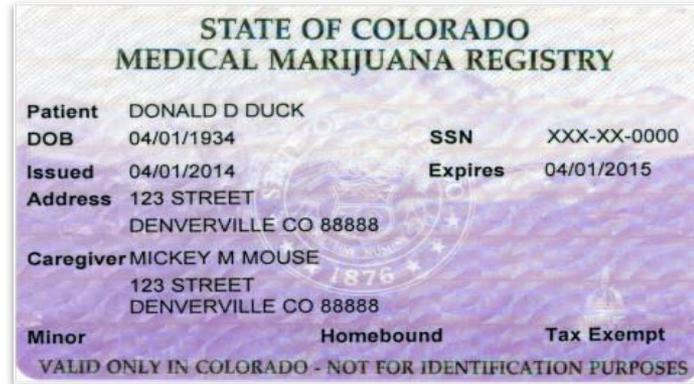
Coming Soon

▶ New registration cards

- Credit card size
- Durable, polymer material
- Many security features, including a glowing Colorado state seal that appears under black light

▶ Online Medical Marijuana Registration System

- Allows physicians, patients and caregivers to complete their individual components online securely and confidentially and manage contact information without submitting forms.
- Credit card payments
- Enhanced reporting features
- Quicker response times to patient requests
- Built-in help features for improved customer support





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