

The Colorado Medical Marijuana Registry

Patient Application Process

- The Colorado Medical Marijuana Registry processes over 1,000 patient requests per day which include new patient applications, renewals, and changes to current registration information.
- Currently, the application process is paper based and completed via mail. Patients receive their medical marijuana card within approximately 15-20 days of mail date received at the Registry.
- A new online registration system is being developed and is expected to go live in the summer of 2016. This new system will allow patients to complete the application process online for a more efficient turnaround time. The system will also allow physicians and patients to access certain documentation online and will have many built in security features ensuring data remains confidential and accurate, while allowing patients and physicians to access their accounts online with ease.



Medical Marijuana Registry Statistics As of June 2015

- There are approximately 113,000 active patients on the Registry.
- 32,000 patients have selected to have a medical marijuana center cultivate their medical marijuana.
- 4,600 patients have selected to have a caregiver cultivate their medical marijuana.
- The average medical marijuana patient is 42.5 years old.
- Approximately 220 physicians recommend medical marijuana to patients each month.
- Physicians may recommend increased plant counts to their patients, above the standard 6 plants and 2 ounces. 16.4% of patients have an increased recommended plant count.

Additional Roles and Responsibilities

- In the Fall of 2014, the Medical Marijuana Registry was approved to utilize \$9 million to fund The Medical Marijuana Research Grant Program. The program has funded 10 observational studies on the effects and efficacy of marijuana used for medical treatment. The Research Grant Program will continue to monitor the progress of studies over the course of the next several years.
- The Registry may refer physicians to the Department of Regulatory Agencies for investigation, if the Registry identifies a need for referral based on current Registry policies.
- The Registry reviews petitions to add new debilitating medical conditions to the list of qualified medical conditions for the use of medical marijuana.

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www.colorado.gov/cdphe/medicalmarijuana



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Facts About Medical Marijuana

Does Colorado accept Medical Marijuana Cards from other States?

No. Only valid Colorado Medical Marijuana Cards can be used to obtain Medical Marijuana in Colorado.

Do other states accept Colorado Medical Marijuana Cards?

No. Please refer to other state's laws and regulations regarding the use of medical marijuana.

How do patients obtain medical marijuana once they receive their Medical Marijuana Card?

Medical marijuana patients may purchase marijuana from a licensed medical marijuana center, a primary caregiver, or grow it themselves.



How do patients apply for a Medical Marijuana Card?

To start the application process, patients must first be diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition by a licensed physician who recommends medical marijuana. During the exam, the physician must complete a Physician Certification and provide it to the patient. The patient must submit the physician certification with an application, a copy of their Colorado ID and a \$15 processing fee to the Registry.

What is the difference between Medical and Retail Marijuana?

Medical marijuana is sold by licensed medical marijuana centers or a caregiver. Medical marijuana patients are permitted to purchase the amount recommended by their physician which can exceed 6 plants 2 oz. Medical marijuana purchases are subject to the 2.9% state sales tax and any local sales taxes.

Retail marijuana is sold by licensed retail marijuana stores. Colorado residents age 21 and older may possess up to 1 ounce of marijuana. Non-residents age 21 and older can purchase up to ¼ ounce. Retail marijuana purchases are subject to the 10% state marijuana tax, 2.9% state sales tax and a 15% excise tax, plus any local sales taxes.

Marijuana in any form cannot be consumed in public.



Is medical marijuana allowed to be used at work or in school?

Schools, universities and employers establish their own policies for medical marijuana use in the workplace. Individuals are encouraged to check with their employers or school administration for more information.

Can marijuana be carried in cars?

Yes. Marijuana may be carried in cars as long as it is in closed containers and within state lines. It is illegal to use or consume marijuana in a vehicle or drive under the influence of marijuana.

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