



2021 MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
PROGRAM REPORT TO THE  
RHODE ISLAND GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY  
4/1/21 – 6/30/21

JUNE 2021

In accordance with the Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act, § 21-28.6-6(l), the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) respectfully submits this report on applications for the use of medical marijuana for symptom relief for the time-period of April 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021.

As of June 30, 2021, there were 19,463 active registered patients, 656 active registered caregivers and 682 active authorized purchasers.

The numbers listed above may differ slightly from the Annual Report because the report is looking at just active status. Therefore, if a license status changes during the time the reports are run, the numbers will not match.

**1) The number of applications for registrations as a qualifying patient, primary caregiver, or authorized purchaser made to RIDOH:**

For the time-period of April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021, RIDOH received 981 new patient applications, 49 new caregiver applications and 50 new authorized purchaser applications.

**2) The number of approved registrations for qualifying patients, primary caregivers, and authorized purchasers:**

For the time-period of April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 RIDOH approved 1,032 patient registrations, 52 caregiver registrations and 55 authorized purchaser registrations.

The number of applications approved is larger than the number received due to the fact there were a percentage of applications that were incomplete upon receipt prior to April 1, 2021. When we receive the requisite documentation and/or fees for incomplete applications, the application is approved and the registration is issued at that time.

**3) The nature of the debilitating conditions of qualifying patients:**

Practitioner Written Certifications contained the following debilitating conditions for the time-period of April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021:

*Please note that many patients have more than one diagnosis code. Therefore, the count of diagnosis codes will always be higher than the number of patients.*

Qualifying Debilitating Condition	Percentage of Total Patients	Number of Patients
Severe Debilitating, Chronic Pain	57.45%	733
Severe Nausea	8.23%	105
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	18.42%	235
Cancer or Treatment	7.05%	90
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	4.23%	54
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	0.78%	10
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	1.33%	17
Glaucoma or Treatment	0.47%	6
Hepatitis C or Treatment	0.86%	11
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.55%	7
Autism Spectrum Disorder	0.24%	3
Agitation Related to Alzheimer's Disease	0.08%	1

**4) The number of registrations revoked:**

No registrations were revoked in accordance with §21-28.6-9 of the Act during the time-period of April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

**5) Specializations, if any, of practitioners providing written certification for qualifying patients:**

*PLEASE NOTE: The percentages and patient count data listed below are based upon the total number of currently active patients. These percentages are grouped by profession then sorted by patient count per specialty.*

Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Internal Medicine	4,260	40.12%
Family Practice	2,186	20.59%
Surgery	298	2.81%
Anatomic Pathology	20	0.19%
Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients

Surgical Critical Care	251	2.36%
Neurology	555	5.23%
Rheumatology	341	3.21%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	164	1.54%
Medical Oncology	211	1.99%
Hematology	134	1.26%
Psychiatry	74	0.70%
Gastroenterology	62	0.58%
Orthopedic Surgery	61	0.57%
Neurologic Surgery	74	0.70%
Infectious Disease	66	0.62%
Pulmonary Disease	29	0.27%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	57	0.54%
Emergency Medicine	206	1.94%
Pediatrics	51	0.48%
Nephrology	27	0.25%
Ophthalmology	13	0.12%
Pediatric Infectious Disease	7	0.07%
Gynecologic Oncology	11	0.10%
Child Neurology	11	0.10%
Anesthesiology	15	0.14%
Pain Management- Anesthesiology	12	0.11%
Critical Care Medicine	2	0.02%
Urology	20	0.19%
Clinical Neurophysiology- Psychiatry & Neurology	9	0.08%
Geriatric Medicine- Internal Medicine	6	0.06%
Radiation Oncology	10	0.09%
Occupational Medicine	2	0.02%
Otolaryngology	6	0.06%
Allergy & Immunology	2	0.02%
Cardiovascular Disease	2	0.02%
Child Psychiatry- Psychiatry & Neurology	4	0.04%
<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Patients</b>
Thoracic Surgery	5	0.05%

Endocrinology Diabetes & Metabolism (IM)- Internal Medicine	2	0.02%
Geriatric Psychiatry- Psychiatry & Neurology	4	0.04%
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	2	0.02%
Dermatology	1	0.01%
Sports Medicine	1	0.01%
Diagnostic Radiology	1	0.01%