



2022 MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
PROGRAM REPORT TO THE  
RHODE ISLAND GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY  
4/1/22 – 6/30/22

JUNE 2022

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, 2022, to June 30, 2022.

As of June 30, 2022, there were 17,430 active registered patients, 509 active registered caregivers and 572 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, 2022 to June 30, 2022, RIDOH received 519 new patient applications, 19 new caregiver applications and 34 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, 2022 to June 30, 2022 RIDOH approved 591 patient registrations, 21 caregiver registrations and 38 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, 2022. 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, 2022 to June 30, 2022:

*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.*

<b>Qualifying Debilitating Condition</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Patients</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>
Severe Debilitating, Chronic Pain	56.02%	400
Severe Nausea	8.12%	58
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	21.43%	153
Cancer or Treatment	7.70%	55
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	2.52%	18
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	0.42%	3
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	1.54%	11
Glaucoma or Treatment	0.84%	6
Hepatitis C or Treatment	0.14%	1
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.84%	6
Autism Spectrum Disorder	0.14%	1
AIDS or treatment	0.14%	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, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

**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.*

<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Patients</b>
Internal Medicine	3,766	40.77%
Family Practice	1,683	18.22%
Surgery	287	3.11%
Anatomic Pathology	19	0.21%
Surgical Critical Care	281	3.04%
Neurology	499	5.40%

<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Patients</b>
Rheumatology	298	3.23%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	132	1.43%
Medical Oncology	197	2.13%
Hematology	130	1.41%
Psychiatry	66	0.71%
Gastroenterology	50	0.54%
Orthopedic Surgery	60	0.65%
Neurologic Surgery	60	0.65%
Infectious Disease	76	0.82%
Pulmonary Disease	15	0.16%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	36	0.39%
Emergency Medicine	95	1.03%
Pediatrics	38	0.41%
Nephrology	22	0.24%
Ophthalmology	10	0.11%
Pediatric Infectious Disease	9	0.10%
Gynecologic Oncology	10	0.11%
Child Neurology	9	0.10%
Anesthesiology	13	0.14%
Pain Management- Anesthesiology	12	0.13%
Critical Care Medicine	1	0.01%
Urology	13	0.14%
Clinical Neurophysiology- Psychiatry & Neurology	7	0.08%
Geriatric Medicine- Internal Medicine	7	0.08%
Radiation Oncology	8	0.09%
Occupational Medicine	2	0.02%
Otolaryngology	5	0.05%
Allergy & Immunology	1	0.01%
Child Psychiatry- Psychiatry & Neurology	1	0.01%
Dermatology	1	0.01%
Thoracic Surgery	2	0.02%
Endocrinology Diabetes & Metabolism (IM)- Internal Medicine	2	0.02%

<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Patients</b>
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	2	0.02%
Geriatric Psychiatry – Psychiatry & Neurology	4	0.04%