



2023 MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
PROGRAM REPORT TO THE  
RHODE ISLAND GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY  
7/1/23 – 9/30/23

SEPTEMBER 2023

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 July 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023.

As of September 30, 2023, there were 10,603 active registered patients, 291 active registered caregivers and 190 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 July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023, RIDOH received 358 new patient applications, 15 new caregiver applications and 26 new authorized purchaser applications.

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

For the time-period of July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023 RIDOH approved 315 patient registrations, 11 caregiver registrations and 15 authorized purchaser registrations.

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

Practitioner Written Certifications contained the following debilitating conditions for the time-period of July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023:

*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	70.14%	188
Severe Nausea	7.09%	19
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	18.65%	50
Cancer or Treatment	14.92%	40
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	3.73%	10
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	4.10%	11
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	1.11%	3
Glaucoma or Treatment	1.11%	3
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.0%	0
Autism Spectrum Disorder	0.7%	2
AIDS or Treatment	0.0%	0
Hepatitis C or Treatment	0.3%	1
Agitation Related to Alzheimer's Disease	0.0%	0

**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 July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

**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	2,386	47.83%
Family Practice	1,069	21.43%
Surgery	185	3.71%
Anatomic Pathology	1	0.02%

<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Patients</b>
Surgical Critical Care	179	3.59%
Neurology	296	5.93%
Rheumatology	211	4.23%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	64	1.28%
Medical Oncology	128	2.57%
Hematology	104	2.09%
Psychiatry	41	0.82%
Gastroenterology	31	0.62%
Orthopedic Surgery	27	0.54%
Neurologic Surgery	32	0.64%
Infectious Disease	41	0.82%
Pulmonary Disease	9	0.18%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	19	0.38%
Emergency Medicine	26	0.52%
Pediatrics	39	0.68%
Nephrology	13	0.26%
Ophthalmology	8	0.16%
Pediatric Infectious Disease	9	0.18%
Gynecologic Oncology	5	0.1%
Child Neurology	7	0.14%
Anesthesiology	9	0.18%
Pain Management-Anesthesiology	9	0.18%
Urology	12	0.24%
Clinical Neurophysiology-Psychiatry & Neurology	3	0.06%
Geriatric Medicine-Internal Medicine	7	0.14%
Radiation Oncology	3	0.06%
Otolaryngology	4	0.08%
Allergy & Immunology	1	0.02%
Child Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	1	0.02%

<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Patients</b>
Thoracic Surgery	1	0.02%
Geriatric Medicine- Family Practice	1	0.02%
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	1	0.02%
Dermatology	1	0.02%
Geriatric Psychiatry – Psychiatry & Neurology	2	0.04%