



2017 MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM REPORT TO THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JUNE 30, 2017

In accordance with the Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act, § 21-28.6-6(l), the 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, 2017, to June 30, 2017.

As of June 30, 2017, there were 18,155 active registered patients, 2,644 active registered caregivers and 208 active authorized purchasers.

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, 2017 to June 30, 2017, RIDOH received 1,353 new patient applications, 160 new caregiver applications and 124 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, 2017 to June 30, 2017, RIDOH approved 1,416 patient registrations, 157 caregiver registrations and 121 authorized purchaser registrations.

The number of applications approved is larger than the number received due to the fact that there were a percentage of applications that were incomplete upon receipt prior to April 1, 2017. 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, 2017 to June 30, 2017:

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	59.31%	1,150
Severe Nausea	12.94%	251
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	10.68%	207
Cancer or Treatment	6.50%	126
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	4.33%	84
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	2.42%	47
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	1.24%	24
Hepatitis C or Treatment	1.03%	20
Glaucoma or Treatment	0.98%	19
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.52%	10
Agitation Related to Alzheimer's Disease	0.05%	1

4) The number of registrations revoked:

There were no registrations revoked in accordance with §21-28.6-9 of the Act during the time period of April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

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

PLEASE NOTE: The list includes Rhode Island licensed practitioners only. Massachusetts and Connecticut practitioners are not required to be licensed by RIDOH in order to write certifications for the use of medical marijuana; therefore the Medical Marijuana Program has no way to verify their specializations. The percentages and patient count data listed below are based upon the total number of currently active patients.

Specialty	Percentage of Total Patients	Number of Patients
Internal Medicine	21.94%	3,078
Family Practice	16.50%	2,315
Surgery	15.10%	2,119
Anatomic Pathology	9.55%	1,340

Specialty	Percentage of Total Patients	Number of Patients
Neuropathology-Pathology	9.34%	1,310
Surgical Critical Care	8.34%	1,226
Neurology	4.78%	670
Rheumatology	2.00%	280
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	1.59%	223
Medical Oncology	1.48%	208
Hematology	1.25%	176
Psychiatry	0.76%	107
Gastroenterology	0.73%	102
Orthopedic Surgery	0.48%	68
Neurologic Surgery	0.47%	66
Infectious Disease	0.38%	53
Obstetrics and Gynecology	0.30%	42
Pulmonary Disease	0.30%	42
Emergency Medicine	0.27%	38
Pediatrics	0.24%	34
Nephrology	0.21%	30
Gynecologic Oncology	0.17%	24
Pediatric Infectious Disease	0.16%	23
Ophthalmology	0.16%	22
Anesthesiology	0.14%	20
Child Neurology	0.14%	20
Pain Management- Anesthesiology	0.13%	18
Critical Care Medicine	0.11%	15
Urology	0.09%	13
Clinical Neurophysiology- Psychiatry & Neurology	0.08%	11
Geriatric Medicine-Internal Medicine	0.08%	11
Radiation Oncology	0.07%	10
Occupational Medicine	0.04%	5
Cardiovascular Disease	0.03%	4
Otolaryngology	0.03%	4
Allergy & Immunology	0.02%	3
Child Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	0.02%	3
Endocrinology Diabetes & Metabolism (IM)- Internal Medicine	0.01%	2

Specialty	Percentage of Total Patients	Number of Patients
Geriatric Medicine- Family Practice	0.01%	2
Thoracic Surgery	0.01%	2
Adolescent Medicine	0.01%	1
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology 0.01% 1	0.01%	1
Colon & Rectal Surgery	0.01%	1
Dermatology	0.01%	1
Diagnostic Radiology	0.01%	1
General Preventive Medicine	0.01%	1
Pediatric Emergency Medicine	0.01%	1