



2021 MEDICAL MARIJUANA
PROGRAM REPORT TO THE
RHODE ISLAND GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
1/1/21 – 3/31/21

MARCH 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 January 1, 2021, to March 31, 2021.

As of March 31, 2021, there were 19,401 active registered patients, 642 active registered caregivers and 681 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 January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021, RIDOH received 1,008 new patient applications, 43 new caregiver applications and 42 new authorized purchaser applications.

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

For the time-period of January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 RIDOH approved 1,047 patient registrations, 49 caregiver registrations and 45 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 January 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 January 1, 2021 to March 31, 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	59.91%	783
Severe Nausea	8.03%	105
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	17.06%	223
Cancer or Treatment	6.43%	84
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	4.21%	55
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	0.31%	4
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	1.99%	26
Glaucoma or Treatment	0.46%	6
Hepatitis C or Treatment	0.31%	4
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.84%	11
Autism Spectrum Disorder	0.08%	1
AIDS or treatment	0.15%	2

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 January 1, 2021 to March 31, 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	4,274	39.87%
Family Practice	2,257	21.05%
Surgery	349	3.26%
Anatomic Pathology	20	0.19%
Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Surgical Critical Care	285	2.66%

Neurology	558	5.20%
Rheumatology	340	3.17%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	166	1.55%
Medical Oncology	207	1.93%
Hematology	137	1.28%
Psychiatry	83	0.77%
Gastroenterology	62	0.58%
Orthopedic Surgery	59	0.55%
Neurologic Surgery	72	0.67%
Infectious Disease	68	0.63%
Pulmonary Disease	29	0.27%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	73	0.68%
Emergency Medicine	110	1.03%
Pediatrics	47	0.44%
Nephrology	27	0.25%
Ophthalmology	16	0.15%
Pediatric Infectious Disease	6	0.06%
Gynecologic Oncology	11	0.10%
Child Neurology	9	0.08%
Anesthesiology	15	0.14%
Pain Management-Anesthesiology	12	0.11%
Critical Care Medicine	2	0.02%
Urology	18	0.17%
Clinical Neurophysiology-Psychiatry & Neurology	8	0.07%
Geriatric Medicine-Internal Medicine	7	0.07%
Radiation Oncology	10	0.09%
Occupational Medicine	1	0.01%
Otolaryngology	6	0.06%
Allergy & Immunology	1	0.01%
Cardiovascular Disease	2	0.02%
Child Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	8	0.07%
Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Thoracic Surgery	5	0.05%

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