



2022 MEDICAL MARIJUANA
PROGRAM REPORT TO THE
RHODE ISLAND GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
10/1/22 – 12/31/22

JANUARY 17, 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 October 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.

As of December 31, 2022, there were 15,062 active registered patients, 376 active registered caregivers and 472 active authorized purchasers.

The numbers listed above may differ slightly from the Annual Report because the report is looking at active status only. Therefore, if a license status changes from active to inactive 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 October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, RIDOH received 320 new patient applications, 4 new caregiver applications and 30 new authorized purchaser applications.

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

For the time-period of October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 RIDOH approved 339 patient registrations, 4 caregiver registrations and 33 authorized purchaser registrations.

The number of applications approved is larger than the number received because a percentage of applications that were incomplete upon receipt prior to October 1, 2022. When we receive the requisite documentation and/or fees for an incomplete application, the application is approved and counted in the total approved application at that time, and the registration is issued.

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

Practitioner Written Certifications contained the following debilitating conditions for the time-period of October 1, 2022 to December 31, 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.

Qualifying Debilitating Condition	Percentage of Total Patients	Number of Patients
Severe Debilitating, Chronic Pain	53.98%	217
Severe Nausea	5.47%	22
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	18.91%	76
Cancer or Treatment	13.93%	56
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	3.98%	16
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	1.49%	6
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	1.49%	6
Glaucoma or Treatment	0.25%	1
Hepatitis C or Treatment	0.25%	1
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.25%	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 October 1, 2022 to December 31, 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.

Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Internal Medicine	3,303	37.20%
Family Practice	1,488	16.76%
Surgery	260	2.93%
Anatomic Pathology	8	0.09%
Surgical Critical Care	254	2.86%
Neurology	444	5.00%
Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients

Rheumatology	269	3.03%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	97	1.09%
Medical Oncology	178	2.00%
Hematology	122	1.37%
Psychiatry	61	0.69%
Gastroenterology	43	0.48%
Orthopedic Surgery	52	0.59%
Neurologic Surgery	53	0.60%
Infectious Disease	61	0.69%
Pulmonary Disease	17	0.19%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	29	0.33%
Emergency Medicine	90	1.01%
Pediatrics	31	0.35%
Nephrology	22	0.25%
Ophthalmology	9	0.10%
Pediatric Infectious Disease	14	0.16%
Gynecologic Oncology	7	0.08%
Child Neurology	9	0.10%
Anesthesiology	10	0.11%
Pain Management-Anesthesiology	9	0.10%
Geriatric Medicine Family Practice	1	0.01%
Urology	11	0.12%
Clinical Neurophysiology- Psychiatry & Neurology	7	0.08%
Geriatric Medicine- Internal Medicine	9	0.10%
Radiation Oncology	6	0.07%
Occupational Medicine	1	0.01%
Otolaryngology	4	0.05%
Allergy & Immunology	1	0.01%
Child Psychiatry- Psychiatry & Neurology	1	0.01%
Dermatology	1	0.01%
Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients

Endocrinology Diabetes & Metabolism (IM)- Internal Medicine	2	0.02%
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	2	0.02%
Geriatric Psychiatry – Psychiatry & Neurology	5	0.06%