



2021 MEDICAL MARIJUANA
PROGRAM REPORT TO THE
RHODE ISLAND GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
10/1/21 – 12/31/21

DECEMBER 2021

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 October 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.

As of December 31, 2021, there were 18,789 active registered patients, 598 active registered caregivers and 628 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 ran, 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, 2021 to December 31, 2021, RIDOH received 678 new patient applications, 27 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 October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 RIDOH approved 745 patient registrations, 34 caregiver registrations and 40 authorized purchaser registrations.

The number of applications approved is larger than the number received due to there were a percentage of applications that were incomplete upon receipt prior to October 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 October 1, 2021 to December 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	59.00%	531
Severe Nausea	5.44%	49
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	18.67%	168
Cancer or Treatment	8.11%	73
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	3.67%	33
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	0.78%	7
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	1.67%	15
Glaucoma or Treatment	0.67%	6
Hepatitis C or Treatment	0.44%	4
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.89%	8
Autism Spectrum Disorder	0.22%	2
AIDS or treatment	0.22%	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 October 1, 2021 to December 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	3,993	40.90%
Family Practice	1,862	19.07%
Surgery	241	2.47%
Anatomic Pathology	19	0.19%
Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Surgical Critical Care	234	2.40%

Neurology	538	5.51%
Rheumatology	318	3.26%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	154	1.58%
Medical Oncology	211	2.16%
Hematology	138	1.41%
Psychiatry	68	0.70%
Gastroenterology	55	0.56%
Orthopedic Surgery	58	0.59%
Neurologic Surgery	72	0.74%
Infectious Disease	68	0.70%
Pulmonary Disease	22	0.23%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	37	0.38%
Emergency Medicine	213	2.18%
Pediatrics	49	0.50%
Nephrology	25	0.26%
Ophthalmology	10	0.10%
Pediatric Infectious Disease	9	0.09%
Gynecologic Oncology	12	0.12%
Child Neurology	11	0.11%
Anesthesiology	15	0.15%
Pain Management-Anesthesiology	13	0.13%
Critical Care Medicine	2	0.02%
Urology	20	0.20%
Clinical Neurophysiology-Psychiatry & Neurology	7	0.07%
Geriatric Medicine-Internal Medicine	7	0.07%
Radiation Oncology	8	0.08%
Occupational Medicine	2	0.02%
Otolaryngology	4	0.04%
Allergy & Immunology	1	0.01%
Cardiovascular Disease	1	0.01%
Child Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	1	0.01%
Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Thoracic Surgery	2	0.02%

Endocrinology Diabetes & Metabolism (IM)- Internal Medicine	2	0.02%
Geriatric Psychiatry- psychiatry & neurology	5	0.05%
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	2	0.02%
Dermatology	1	0.01%
Sports Medicine	1	0.01%
Diagnostic Radiology	1	0.01%