



2019 MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM REPORT TO THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DECEMBER 31, 2019

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, 2019, to December 31, 2019.

As of December 31, 2019, there were 17,994 active registered patients, 807 active registered caregivers and 870 active authorized purchasers.

A change to the Medical Marijuana Program in 2018 is that, after public hearing Autism Spectrum Disorder was added to the list of qualifying medical conditions effective October 22, 2018.

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, 2019 to December 31, 2019, RIDOH received 1126 new patient applications, 40 new caregiver applications and 75 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, 2019 to December 31, 2019 RIDOH approved 1,168 patient registrations, 45 caregiver registrations and 180 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, 2019. 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, 2019 to December 31, 2019:

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	63.00%	911
Severe Nausea	7.88%	114
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	11.55%	167
Cancer or Treatment	6.98%	101
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	4.43%	64
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	1.73%	25
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	1.80%	26
Glaucoma or Treatment	0.76%	11
Hepatitis C or Treatment	0.48%	7
Agitation Related to Alzheimer's Disease	0.14%	2
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.62%	9
AIDS or Treatment	0.07%	1
Autism Spectrum Disorder	0.41%	6
Pregnant during 12Mo. Lic. Cycle	0.14%	2

4) The number of registrations revoked:

There was one registration revoked in accordance with §21-28.6-9 of the Act during the time-period of October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

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	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Internal Medicine	4,026	38.03%
Family Practice	2,889	27.29%

Surgery	395	3.73%
Anatomic Pathology	25	0.24%
Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Neuropathology-Pathology	29	0.21%
Surgical Critical Care	222	3.58%
Neurology	685	5.07%
Rheumatology	329	3.11%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	178	1.68%
Medical Oncology	217	2.05%
Hematology	173	1.63%
Psychiatry	155	1.46%
Gastroenterology	67	0.63%
Orthopedic Surgery	62	0.59%
Neurologic Surgery	87	0.82%
Infectious Disease	52	0.49%
Pulmonary Disease	29	0.27%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	48	0.45%
Emergency Medicine	49	0.46%
Pediatrics	33	0.31%
Nephrology	33	0.31%
Ophthalmology	24	0.23%
Pediatric Infectious Disease	29	0.27%
Gynecologic Oncology	12	0.11%
Child Neurology	16	0.15%
Anesthesiology	135	1.28%
Pain Management-Anesthesiology	21	0.20%
Critical Care Medicine	1	0.01%
Urology	13	0.12%
Clinical Neurophysiology-Psychiatry & Neurology	12	0.11%
Geriatric Medicine-Internal Medicine	9	0.09%
Radiation Oncology	12	0.11%
Occupational Medicine	2	0.02%
Otolaryngology	3	0.03%
Allergy & Immunology	1	0.01%
Cardiovascular Disease	3	0.03%

Child Psychiatry- Psychiatry & Neurology	8	0.08%
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	2	0.02%
Adolescent Medicine	1	0.01%
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	1	0.01%
Colon & Rectal Surgery	1	0.01%
Dermatology	2	0.02%
Diagnostic Radiology	2	0.02%
General Preventive Medicine	1	0.01%
Pediatric Emergency Medicine	1	0.01%
Pediatric Hematology- Oncology-Pediatrics	1	0.01%