



# 2020 MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM REPORT TO THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JUNE 2020

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, 2020, to June 30, 2020.

As of June 30, 2020, there were 19,804 active registered patients, 804 active registered caregivers and 867 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 April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020, RIDOH received 1,238 new patient applications, 21 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 April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 RIDOH approved 1,285 patient registrations, 29 caregiver registrations and 38 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 April 1, 2020. 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, 2020 to June 30, 2020:

*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.*

<b>Qualifying Debilitating Condition</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Patients</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>
Severe Debilitating, Chronic Pain	64.33%	983
Severe Nausea	6.28%	96
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	14.66%	224
Cancer or Treatment	5.96%	91
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	4.84%	74
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	0.59%	9
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	1.18%	18
Glaucoma or Treatment	0.85%	13
Hepatitis C or Treatment	0.39%	6
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.26%	4
AIDS or Treatment	0.13%	2
Autism Spectrum Disorder	0.46%	7

**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 April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

**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.*

<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Patients</b>
Internal Medicine	4,291	39.01%
Family Practice	2,858	25.98%
Surgery	372	3.38%
Anatomic Pathology	24	0.22%
<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Patients</b>

Neuropathology-Pathology	2	0.02%
Surgical Critical Care	232	2.11%
Neurology	609	5.54%
Rheumatology	353	3.21%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	194	1.76%
Medical Oncology	239	2.17%
Hematology	162	1.47%
Psychiatry	147	1.34%
Gastroenterology	66	0.60%
Orthopedic Surgery	66	0.60%
Neurologic Surgery	84	0.76%
Infectious Disease	65	0.59%
Pulmonary Disease	30	0.27%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	57	0.52%
Emergency Medicine	56	0.51%
Pediatrics	49	0.45%
Nephrology	34	0.31%
Ophthalmology	20	0.18%
Pediatric Infectious Disease	17	0.15%
Gynecologic Oncology	13	0.12%
Child Neurology	15	0.14%
Anesthesiology	38	0.35%
Pain Management-Anesthesiology	17	0.15%
Critical Care Medicine	1	0.01%
Urology	14	0.13%
Clinical Neurophysiology-Psychiatry & Neurology	11	0.10%
Geriatric Medicine-Internal Medicine	8	0.07%
Radiation Oncology	12	0.11%
Occupational Medicine	2	0.02%
Otolaryngology	4	0.04%
Allergy & Immunology	1	0.01%
Cardiovascular Disease	2	0.02%
Child Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	1	0.01%
<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Patients</b>

Thoracic Surgery	4	0.04%
Endocrinology Diabetes & Metabolism (IM)- Internal Medicine	2	0.02%
Geriatric Medicine- Family Practice	1	0.01%
Adolescent Medicine	1	0.01%
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	10	0.09%
Colon & Rectal Surgery	1	0.01%
Dermatology	1	0.01%
Diagnostic Radiology	1	0.01%
General Preventive Medicine	1	0.01%
Pediatric Emergency Medicine	1	0.01%
Pediatric Hematology-Oncology-Pediatrics	2	0.02%