



2016 MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM REPORT TO THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MARCH 5, 2017

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 January 1, 2017, to March 31, 2017.

As of March 31, 2017, there were 17,142 active registered patients, 2,719 active registered caregivers and 88 active authorized purchasers.

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, 2017 to March 31, 2017, RIDOH received 1,142 new applications for registration as patients, caregivers and authorized purchasers.

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

For the time period of January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, RIDOH approved 1,346 patient registrations, 209 caregiver registrations and 88 authorized purchaser registrations.

The number of applications approved is larger than the number received due to the fact that there were a percentage of applications that were incomplete upon receipt prior to January 1, 2017. 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, 2017 to March 31, 2017:

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	61.33%	1,083
Severe Nausea	12.12%	214
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	8.83%	156
Cancer or Treatment	7.59%	134
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	4.98%	88
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	1.87%	33
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	1.36%	24
Hepatitis C or Treatment	0.85%	15
Glaucoma or Treatment	0.74%	13
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.17%	3
AIDS or Treatment	0.11%	2
Agitation Related to Alzheimer's Disease	0.06%	1

4) The number of registrations revoked:

There were no registrations revoked in accordance with §21-28.6-9 of the Act during the time period of January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017.

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	Percentage of Total Patients	Number of Patients
Internal Medicine	21.47%	2,926
Surgery	16.32%	2,224
Family Practice	13.96%	1,903

Specialty	Percentage of Total Patients	Number of Patients
Anatomic Pathology	10.36%	1,379
Neuropathology-Pathology	10.00%	1,363
Surgical Critical Care	9.57%	1,304
Neurology	4.75%	647
Rheumatology	1.99%	271
Medical Oncology	1.51%	206
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	1.49%	203
Hematology	1.27%	173
Psychiatry	0.75%	102
Gastroenterology	0.74%	101
Orthopedic Surgery	0.48%	65
Neurologic Surgery	0.45%	62
Infectious Disease	0.35%	48
Obstetrics and Gynecology	0.30%	41
Pediatrics	0.27%	37
Pulmonary Disease	0.27%	37
Emergency Medicine	0.26%	35
Nephrology	0.23%	31
Pediatric Infectious Disease	0.17%	23
Ophthalmology	0.15%	21
Gynecologic Oncology	0.15%	21
Anesthesiology	0.13%	18
Pain Management- Anesthesiology	0.12%	16
Critical Care Medicine	0.09%	12
Geriatric Medicine-Internal Medicine	0.09%	
Child Neurology	0.07%	10
Urology	0.07%	10
Clinical Neurophysiology- Psychiatry & Neurology	0.07%	10
Radiation Oncology	0.07%	9
Cardiovascular Disease	0.04%	5
Occupational Medicine	0.03%	4
Allergy & Immunology	0.02%	3
Otolaryngology	0.02%	3
Child Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	0.02%	3
Dermatology	0.01%	2

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