



2016 MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM REPORT TO THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 14, 2016

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 July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

As of September 30, 2016, there were 15,541 active registered patients and 2,826 active registered caregivers.

1) The number of applications for registrations as a qualifying patient, primary caregiver, or authorized purchaser made to the RIDOH:

For the time period of July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016, the RIDOH received 1,419 new applications for registration as patients and caregivers.

The registration requirements for the authorized purchaser have been incorporated in the amended Rules and Regulations Related to The Medical Marijuana Program Administered by the Department of Health [R-21-28.6-MMP], which will be submitted for community review and public comment. Registration of authorized purchasers will begin on January 1, 2017.

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

For the time period of July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016, the RIDOH approved 1,434 patient registrations and 186 caregiver 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 July 1, 2016. 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 July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016:

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	61.74%	1,199
Severe Nausea	12.15%	236
Cancer or Treatment	8.29%	161
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	6.28%	122
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	4.84%	94
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	2.42%	47
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	1.91%	37
Hepatitis C or Treatment	0.93%	18
Glaucoma or Treatment	0.82%	16
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.31%	6
AIDS or Treatment	0.26%	5
Agitation Related to Alzheimer's Disease	0.05%	1

4) The number of registrations revoked:

There were no registrations revoked during the time period of July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

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 the 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 is based upon the total number of currently active patients.

<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Patients</u>	<u>Number of Patients</u>
Internal Medicine	20.58%	2,617
Surgery	19.40%	2,467
Anatomic Pathology	10.72%	1,363
Surgical Critical Care	10.65%	1,354

<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Patients</u>	<u>Number of Patients</u>
Neuropathology-Pathology	10.51%	1,336
Family Practice	10.15%	1,291
Neurology	4.88%	621
Rheumatology	2.04%	259
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	1.33%	169
Medical Oncology	1.32%	168
Hematology	1.09%	139
Gastroenterology	0.76%	97
Psychiatry	0.75%	96
Orthopedic Surgery	0.53%	68
Neurologic Surgery	0.49%	62
Infectious Disease	0.36%	46
Pediatrics	0.28%	36
Obstetrics and Gynecology	0.27%	34
Emergency Medicine	0.24%	30
Pulmonary Disease	0.21%	27
Anesthesiology	0.20%	25
Nephrology	0.20%	25
Pain Management-Anesthesiology	0.18%	23
Ophthalmology	0.16%	20
Gynecologic Oncology	0.13%	17
Child Neurology	0.13%	16
Geriatric Medicine-Internal Medicine	0.13%	16
Pediatric Infectious Disease	0.13%	16
Urology	0.09%	11
Critical Care Medicine	0.08 %	10
Clinical Neurophysiology-Psychiatry & Neurology	0.07%	9
Radiation Oncology	0.06%	8
Occupational Medicine	0.05%	6
Cardiovascular Disease	0.03%	4
Allergy & Immunology	0.02%	3
Otolaryngology	0.02%	3
Child Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	0.02%	2
Dermatology	0.02%	2
Adolescent Medicine	0.01%	1

<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Patients</u>	<u>Number of Patients</u>
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology 0.01% 1	0.01%	1
Colon & Rectal Surgery	0.01%	1
General Preventive Medicine	0.01%	1
Geriatric Medicine- Family Practice	0.01%	1
Pediatric Emergency Medicine	0.01%	1
Pediatric Hematology-Oncology	0.01%	1
Thoracic Surgery	0.01%	1