



2023 MEDICAL MARIJUANA
PROGRAM REPORT TO THE
RHODE ISLAND GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
4/1/23 – 6/30/23

JUNE 2023

In accordance with the Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act, § 21-28.6-6(l), the Rhode Island 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, 2023, to June 30, 2023.

As of June 30, 2023, there were 11,960 active registered patients, 229 active registered caregivers and 363 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 run, 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, 2023 to June 30, 2023, RIDOH received 485 new patient applications, 19 new caregiver applications and 22 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, 2023 to June 30, 2023 RIDOH approved 372 patient registrations, 6 caregiver registrations and 13 authorized purchaser registrations.

The number of applications approved is larger than the number received due to the fact there were a percentage of applications that were incomplete upon receipt prior to April 1, 2023. 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, 2023 to June 30, 2023:

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	81.13%	2313
Severe Nausea	7.73%	209
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	15.89%	453
Cancer or Treatment	5.51%	157
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	5.72%	163
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	0.74%	21
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	2.70%	77
Glaucoma or Treatment	1.54%	44
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.84%	29
Autism Spectrum Disorder	0.11%	3
AIDS or Treatment	0.11%	3
Hepatitis C or Treatment	0.25%	7
Agitation Related to Alzheimer's Disease	0.03%	1

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, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

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	2,698	47.09%
Family Practice	1,277	21.42%
Surgery	211	3.68%
Anatomic Pathology	1	0.02%

Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Surgical Critical Care	204	3.56%
Neurology	354	6.18%
Rheumatology	234	4.08%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	70	1.22%
Medical Oncology	152	2.65%
Hematology	108	1.89%
Psychiatry	52	0.91%
Gastroenterology	37	0.65%
Orthopedic Surgery	33	0.58%
Neurologic Surgery	45	0.79%
Infectious Disease	51	0.89%
Pulmonary Disease	13	0.23%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	22	0.38%
Emergency Medicine	65	1.13%
Pediatrics	39	0.68%
Nephrology	18	0.31%
Ophthalmology	8	0.14%
Pediatric Infectious Disease	11	0.19%
Gynecologic Oncology	6	0.01%
Child Neurology	9	0.16%
Anesthesiology	9	0.16%
Pain Management- Anesthesiology	9	0.16%
Urology	11	0.19%
Clinical Neurophysiology- Psychiatry & Neurology	5	0.09%
Geriatric Medicine- Internal Medicine	9	0.16%
Radiation Oncology	3	0.05%
Otolaryngology	4	0.07%
Allergy & Immunology	1	0.02%
Child Psychiatry- Psychiatry & Neurology	2	0.03%

Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Thoracic Surgery	1	0.02%
Geriatric Medicine- Family Practice	1	0.02%
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	1	0.02%
Dermatology	1	0.02%
Geriatric Psychiatry – Psychiatry & Neurology	3	0.05%