



2018 MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM REPORT TO THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MARCH 31, 2018

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, 2018, to March 31, 2018.

As of March 31, 2018, there were 18,728 active registered patients, 1,789 active registered caregivers and 577 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, 2018 to March 31, 2018, RIDOH received 1317 new patient applications, 64 new caregiver applications and 141 new authorized purchaser applications.

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

For the time period of January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018, RIDOH approved 1,317 patient registrations, 73 caregiver registrations and 145 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, 2018. 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, 2018 to March 31, 2018:

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	60.24%	1059
Severe Nausea	10.92%	192
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	10.75%	189
Cancer or Treatment	7.91%	139
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	5.12%	90
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	1.14%	20
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	1.37%	24
Glaucoma or Treatment	.85%	15
Hepatitis C or Treatment	1.08%	19
Agitation Related to Alzheimer's Disease	0.17%	3
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.28%	5
AIDS or Treatment	0.17%	3

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, 2018 to March 31, 2018.

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	3,695	27.31%
Family Practice	3,626	26.80%
Surgery	1,346	9.95%
Anatomic Pathology	636	4.70%

Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Neuropathology-Pathology	607	4.49%
Surgical Critical Care	842	6.22%
Neurology	676	5.00%
Rheumatology	310	2.29%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	228	1.69%
Medical Oncology	236	1.74%
Hematology	179	1.32%
Psychiatry	108	0.80%
Gastroenterology	77	0.57%
Orthopedic Surgery	72	0.53%
Neurologic Surgery	67	0.50%
Infectious Disease	45	0.33%
Pulmonary Disease	46	0.34%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	44	0.33%
Emergency Medicine	44	0.33%
Pediatrics	35	0.26%
Nephrology	35	0.26%
Ophthalmology	27	0.20%
Pediatric Infectious Disease	24	0.18%
Gynecologic Oncology	20	0.15%
Child Neurology	16	0.12%
Anesthesiology	28	0.21%
Pain Management-Anesthesiology	19	0.14%
Critical Care Medicine	12	0.09%
Urology	19	0.14%
Clinical Neurophysiology-Psychiatry & Neurology	12	0.09%
Geriatric Medicine-Internal Medicine	5	0.04%
Radiation Oncology	10	0.07%
Occupational Medicine	5	0.04%
Otolaryngology	4	0.03%
Allergy & Immunology	4	0.03%
Cardiovascular Disease	4	0.03%
Child Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	3	0.02%

Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Thoracic Surgery	4	0.03%
Endocrinology Diabetes & Metabolism (IM)- Internal Medicine	2	0.01%
Geriatric Medicine- Family Practice	1	0.01%
Adolescent Medicine	1	0.01%
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	2	0.01%
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	0.01%
Geriatric Psychiatry- Psychiatry & Neurology	1	0.01%