



Memo to: Edward D'Arezzo, Interim Associate Director of Health

From: Mike Simoli, Health Program Administrator, Health Professionals Regulation

Subject: Biannual Medical Marijuana Report to General Assembly

Date: 12/01/2014

In accordance with RIGL 21-28.6-6 Section K, the Rhode Island Department of Health provides the following report to the House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare and to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services on or before January 1st of every odd year.

(k)(1) The number of applications for registry identification cards	8840
The number of qualifying patients approved	6213
The number of qualifying primary caregivers approved	2627
The nature of the debilitating medical conditions of the qualifying patients	See attached report
The number of registry identification cards revoked	0
The number of practitioners providing written certification for qualifying patients	684

(k)(2) An evaluation of the costs permitting the use of marijuana for symptom relief, including any costs to law enforcement agencies and costs of any litigation

Department of Health Employee Salaries for Medical Marijuana Administration for this period: \$124,139.55

Medical Marijuana Registration Revenue for this period: \$1,681,506.00

(k)(3) Statistics regarding the number of marijuana-related prosecutions against registered patients and caregivers, and an analysis of the facts underlying those prosecutions 1 - Nolo Contendere to Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana (P2/14-0141A)

(k)(4) Statistics regarding the number of prosecutions against physicians for violations of this chapter 1 - Reprimand of Physician

(k)(5) Whether the United States Food and Drug Administration has altered its position regarding the use of marijuana for medical purposes or has approved alternative delivery systems for marijuana. No change in position.

cc: Donna Costantino
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Count of Medical Marijuana Program Patients by Diagnosis

Please note that many patients have more than one diagnosis code. Therefore the count of diagnosis codes used will always be higher than the number of patients.

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<u>Diagnosis</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Count</u>
7.) Severe, Debilitating, Chronic Pain	61.90	9758
10.) Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	13.40	2112
8.) Severe Nausea	9.74	1535
1.) Cancer or Treatment	4.69	740
6.) Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	2.94	464
5.) Hepatitis C or Treatment	2.85	449
9.) Seizures, Including Epilepsy	2.18	343
2.) Glaucoma or Treatment	0.91	143
3.) Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.89	140
4.) AIDS or Treatment	0.40	63
11.) Agitation Related to Alzheimer's Disease	0.11	17
Total number of diagnosis reasons used:		15,764