



2022 MEDICAL MARIJUANA
PROGRAM REPORT TO THE
RHODE ISLAND GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
7/1/22 – 9/30/22

SEPTEMBER 2022

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 July 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022.

As of September 30, 2022, there were 16,462 active registered patients, 451 active registered caregivers and 518 active authorized purchasers.

The numbers listed above may differ slightly from the Annual Report because the report is looking at active status only. Therefore, if a license status changes from active to inactive 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 July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022, RIDOH received 360 new patient applications, 9 new caregiver applications and 21 new authorized purchaser applications.

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

For the time-period of July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022 RIDOH approved 415 patient registrations, 11 caregiver registrations and 23 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 July 1, 2022. 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, 2022 to September 30, 2022:

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	54.05%	280
Severe Nausea	6.56%	34
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	20.46%	106
Cancer or Treatment	11.39%	59
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	3.09	16
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	0.58%	3
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	1.93%	10
Glaucoma or Treatment	0.19%	1
Hepatitis C or Treatment	0.77%	4
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.58%	3
Autism Spectrum Disorder	0.39%	2

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 July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022.

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	3,562	39.39%
Family Practice	1,599	17.68%
Surgery	272	3.01%
Anatomic Pathology	16	0.18%
Surgical Critical Care	266	2.94%
Neurology	472	6.22%

Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Rheumatology	283	3.13%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	124	1.37%
Medical Oncology	194	2.15%
Hematology	127	1.40%
Psychiatry	63	0.70%
Gastroenterology	49	0.54%
Orthopedic Surgery	56	0.62%
Neurologic Surgery	56	0.62%
Infectious Disease	66	0.73%
Pulmonary Disease	16	0.18%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	34	0.38%
Emergency Medicine	92	1.02%
Pediatrics	34	0.38%
Nephrology	22	0.24%
Ophthalmology	10	0.11%
Pediatric Infectious Disease	13	0.14%
Gynecologic Oncology	7	0.08%
Child Neurology	8	0.09%
Anesthesiology	12	0.13%
Pain Management- Anesthesiology	11	0.12%
Geriatric Medicine Family Practice	1	0.01%
Urology	12	0.13%
Clinical Neurophysiology- Psychiatry & Neurology	7	0.08%
Geriatric Medicine- Internal Medicine	7	0.08%
Radiation Oncology	7	0.08%
Occupational Medicine	1	0.01%
Otolaryngology	5	0.06%
Allergy & Immunology	1	0.01%
Child Psychiatry- Psychiatry & Neurology	1	0.01%
Dermatology	1	0.01%
Thoracic Surgery	2	0.02%

Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Endocrinology Diabetes & Metabolism (IM)- Internal Medicine	2	0.02%
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	2	0.02%
Geriatric Psychiatry – Psychiatry & Neurology	4	0.04%