

## Marijuana Program Questions and Answers January 2014

How many patients are registered in Vermont?

The current number of registered patients is 1,017 and 120 registered caregivers.

How many dispensaries are operating and where are they located?

The dispensaries currently operating are located in Burlington, Brandon and Montpelier.

The fourth dispensary is slated to be located in Brattleboro and is scheduled to open in February.

How many registered patients have picked a dispensary for the acquisition of marijuana?

As of January 2014 there are 642 patients who have selected dispensaries to receive marijuana.

What are the revenue projects for operating the marijuana program?

The revenue for the last two fiscal years below and the projections for fiscal year 2014 and 2015 below.

FY 12 - 42,650

FY 13 - 100,150

FY 14 - 172,600 (projected)

FY 15 - 170,100 (projected)

What is the current budget for the program?

In FY 14 the budget is \$87,600 for the marijuana program. An additional administrative position is being sought in FY 15.

What are the fees for the marijuana program?

### **7.2 Registered patient fees.**

**7.2.1 Application fee.** The patient application fee of \$50 must be submitted with the completed application for a registry identification card.

**7.2.2 Renewal fee.** The patient renewal fee of \$50 must be submitted annually with the completed renewal form for a registry identification card.

### **7.3 Registered caregiver fees.**

- 7.3.1 Application fee:** The caregiver application fee of \$50 must be submitted with the completed application for a registry identification card.
  - 7.3.2 Renewal fee.** The caregiver renewal fee of \$50 must be submitted annually with the completed renewal form for a registry identification card.
- 7.4 Application to receive a dispensary registration certificate fee.**
  - 7.4.1 Application fee:** To apply to become a dispensary and hold a registration certificate there is a nonrefundable fee of \$2,500.
- 7.5 Dispensary Registration Certificate fees.**
  - 7.5.1 Registration certificate fee.** The \$20,000 registration fee must be submitted with the dispensary's completed certificate of registration application.
  - 7.5.2 Registration renewal fee.** The \$30,000 registration renewal fee must be submitted annually with the dispensary's completed registration renewal form.
  - 7.5.3 Identification card fee.** The registered dispensary shall be assessed a \$50 fee for each registry identification card issued for each principal officer, board member, and employee of the registered dispensary.
  - 7.5.4 Identification card renewal fee.** The registered dispensary shall be assessed a \$50 fee for the annual renewal of each registry identification card issued for each principal officer, board member, and employee of the registered dispensary.
  - 7.5.5 Background check fee.** The registered dispensary shall be assessed a fee by the Department of Public Safety, Vermont Criminal Information Center, for the cost of criminal background checks for each principal officer, board member, and employee of the registered dispensary.
  - 7.5.6 Registered Patient Change of Dispensary.** A registered patient wishing to change his or her designated dispensary may do so in writing to the department and shall submit a \$25 fee. The department shall issue a new identification card within 30 days.
- 7.6 Processing fee: reissued card.** A processing fee of \$25 shall be charged to registered patients, registered caregivers and registered dispensaries for reissuing a lost card or a card reissued by the department due to changes regarding the information on the registry identification card, such as an address change or change in caregiver.

What are the goals/principles for the marijuana program?

*The department of public safety shall adopt such rules with the goal of protecting against diversion and theft without imposing an undue burden on a registered dispensary or compromising the confidentiality of registered patients and their registered caregivers.*

*The Department has adopted the above statutory rule making language as the guiding principles for the implementation of this program.*

How many registered patients and caregivers have been added over time?

<b>Date</b>	<b>Caregivers</b>	<b>Patients</b>
7/1/2006	5	30
11/1/2009	41	219
7/1/2010	59	344
8/26/2011	67	385
3/1/2012	92	491
11/5/2012	85	557
1/24/2013	86	593
3/25/2013	88	623
5/1/2013	102	742
6/1/2013	109	755
7/1/2013	114	804
9/1/2013	127	844
11/1/2013	121	918
12/1/2013	119	961
1/1/2014	120	1009

There was an 82.5% increase in patients in 2013.