
Senate Committee on Health Care Medical Cannabis Overview

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Medical Marijuana Program

OHA Regulation of Marijuana

- Establish a program to issue registry identification cards to patients who have received a recommendation from a doctor to use medical marijuana to help with their debilitating medical condition.
- Establish effective registration, compliance and enforcement for dispensaries, growers and processors
- Provide compassionate and responsible access to medical marijuana products
- Define robust and comprehensive laboratory accreditation and testing standards

Medical Marijuana Registry Program

- Began in 1998
- Provides a medical marijuana card to patients with:
 - Qualifying conditions; and
 - A recommendation for medical marijuana from an Attending Provider.
- Patients may designate a caregiver to assist them with growing and accessing medical marijuana.
- Patient may designate a grower to produce marijuana for them.

Medical Marijuana Registry Program

Patient Registration

- Required to apply annually
- Must pay a fee ranging from \$0 to \$200 (Reduced fee categories)
- Visit an Attending Provider and include the provider's signed approval
- Required to be a residence of Oregon

Benefits

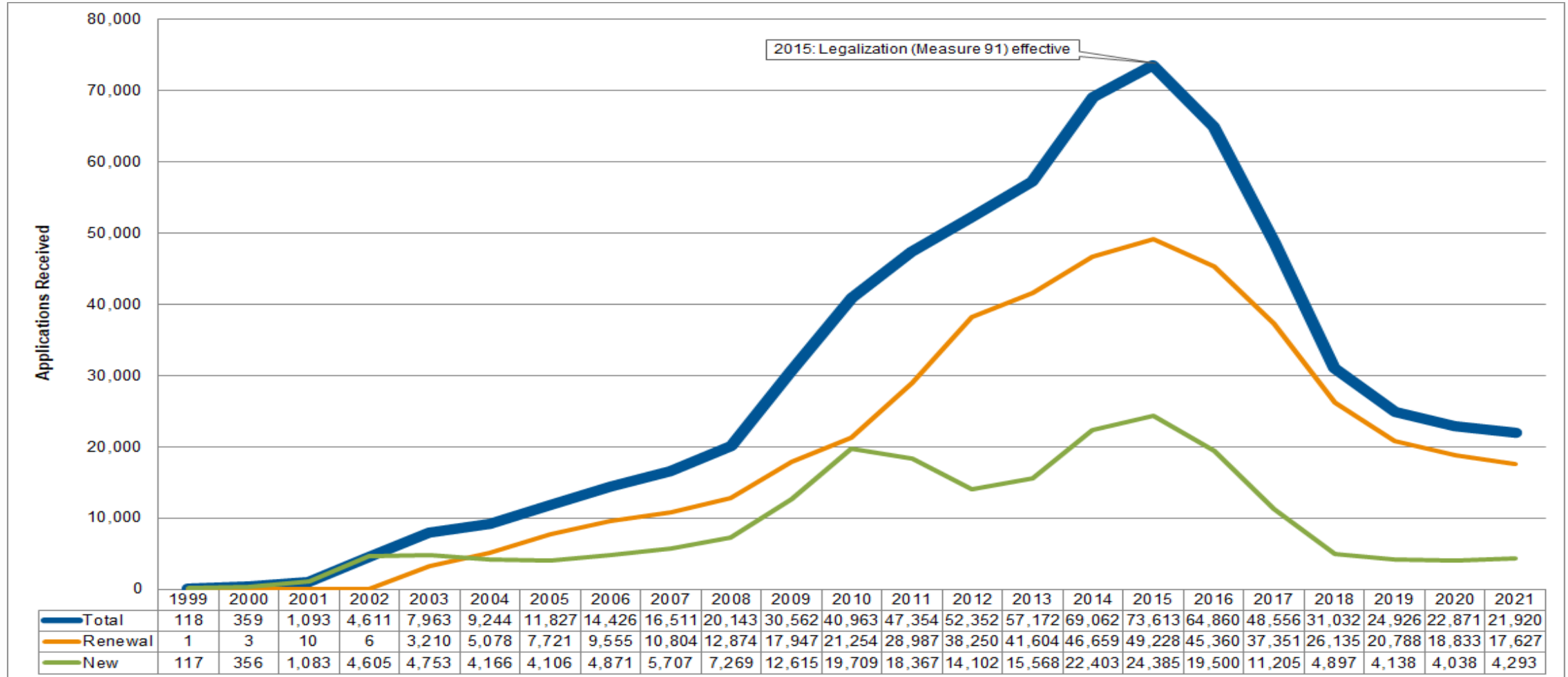
- Higher possession limits
- Able to grow more plants
- Higher potency products
- Tax free purchases

Medical Marijuana Registry Program

- Applications have declined steadily since legalization
- The program saw a large increase in applications right before marijuana was legalized (July 2015).

	Patients		Caregivers		Growers		Grow Sites	
07/2015	72,517	-	35,864	-	46,292	-	34,094	-
07/2016	67,158	↓ -7%	29,934	↓ -17%	39,010	↓ -16%	26,943	↓ -21%
07/2017	61,867	↓ -8%	25,183	↓ -16%	33,351	↓ -15%	25,130	↓ -7%
07/2018	39,445	↓ -36%	15,593	↓ -38%	19,358	↓ -42%	15,933	↓ -37%
07/2019	27,037	↓ -32%	10,876	↓ -30%	11,991	↓ -38%	10,127	↓ -36%
07/2020	23,278	↓ -14%	8,885	↓ -18%	9,324	↓ -22%	7,775	↓ -23%
07/2021	22,718	↓ -2%	8,463	↓ -5%	8,029	↓ -14%	6,727	↓ -14%
07/2022	19,453	↓ -14%	7,237	↓ -14%	6,245	↓ -22%	5,373	↓ -20%

OMMP Patient Applications



Reduced Application Fee Qualification

- While overall applications have declined, the percentage of applicants who qualify for a reduced application fee due to being a Veteran, or receiving SSI, or OHP, has increased.

	No Reduced Fee Eligibility	SNAP	OHP	SSI	VET	VET Fee Waived
2012	59.9%	31.6%	2.5%	6.1%	N/A	N/A
2013	61.7%	27.7%	4.5%	6.2%	N/A	N/A
2014	56.4%	14.3%	22.4%	6.4%	0.4%	N/A
2015	56.4%	12.0%	25.0%	5.6%	1.1%	N/A
2016	51.7%	9.8%	25.0%	5.1%	8.4%	N/A
2017	49.1%	8.9%	25.0%	5.3%	11.7%	N/A
2018	46.5%	8.3%	25.3%	6.1%	13.8%	N/A
2019	44.6%	8.4%	26.5%	6.1%	14.3%	N/A
2020	42.5%	8.9%	29.1%	6.1%	13.4%	N/A
2021	41.5%	4.9%	35.1%	5.5%	12.9%	N/A
2022 (partial)	39.4%	5.5%	34.4%	6.4%	9.2%	5.1%

Patients by Qualifying Condition

Condition	Count of Reporting Patients	Percentage of Reporting Patients
Severe Pain	16,548	85.1%
Spasms	3,908	20.1%
PTSD	3,439	17.7%
Nausea	2,139	11.0%
Neurological	1,250	6.4%
Cancer	1,144	5.9%
Seizures	616	3.2%
Glaucoma	294	1.5%
HIV/AIDS	224	1.2%
Cachexia	200	1.0%

Conditions are not mutually exclusive; one patient may report one or more conditions.

Medical Dispensaries and Processing Sites

Medical Dispensaries

- HB 3460 (2013 session) Authorized OHA to register and inspect dispensaries.
 - First applications received March 1, 2014
 - Currently one registered Medical Dispensary

Medical Processors

- HB 3400 (2015 session) Authorized OHA to register and inspect processors.
 - First applications received April 1, 2016
 - Currently no registered Medical Processors

OMMP Enforcement – Compliance Inspections and Investigations

Grow sites

- Inspect grow sites of the person responsible for the marijuana grow site (PRMG)
- Inspect the records of the PRMG
- Physical count of plants

Dispensaries and Processing Sites

- Inspect the premises of a proposed or registered location
- Records of the location

Investigations

If OHA, after an investigation or receipt of a complaint, determines that a violation of the OMMA or OMMP's rules has occurred OMMP may provide information to state or local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction.

Medical Marijuana Grow Site Tracking

Growers are required to report into the Cannabis Tracking System (CTS) or the Online Medical Marijuana System (OMMOS), unless they are exempt from reporting.

- CTS is required at a grow site where there are 3 or more patients.
- OMMOS is required at a grow sites with two or fewer patients where the grower does not meet the exemption requirement.
- A grower is exempt from reporting in either system if they are a patient only growing for themselves, there are less than 12 mature plants and 24 immature plants, and they are not transferring to a medical processor or dispensary.

Grow site reporting system	Count of distinct grow site addresses
CTS	344
OMMOS	483
Exempt	4,546
Total	5,373

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Thank You

Questions?

