
House Economic Development Committee

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 physician.
- 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

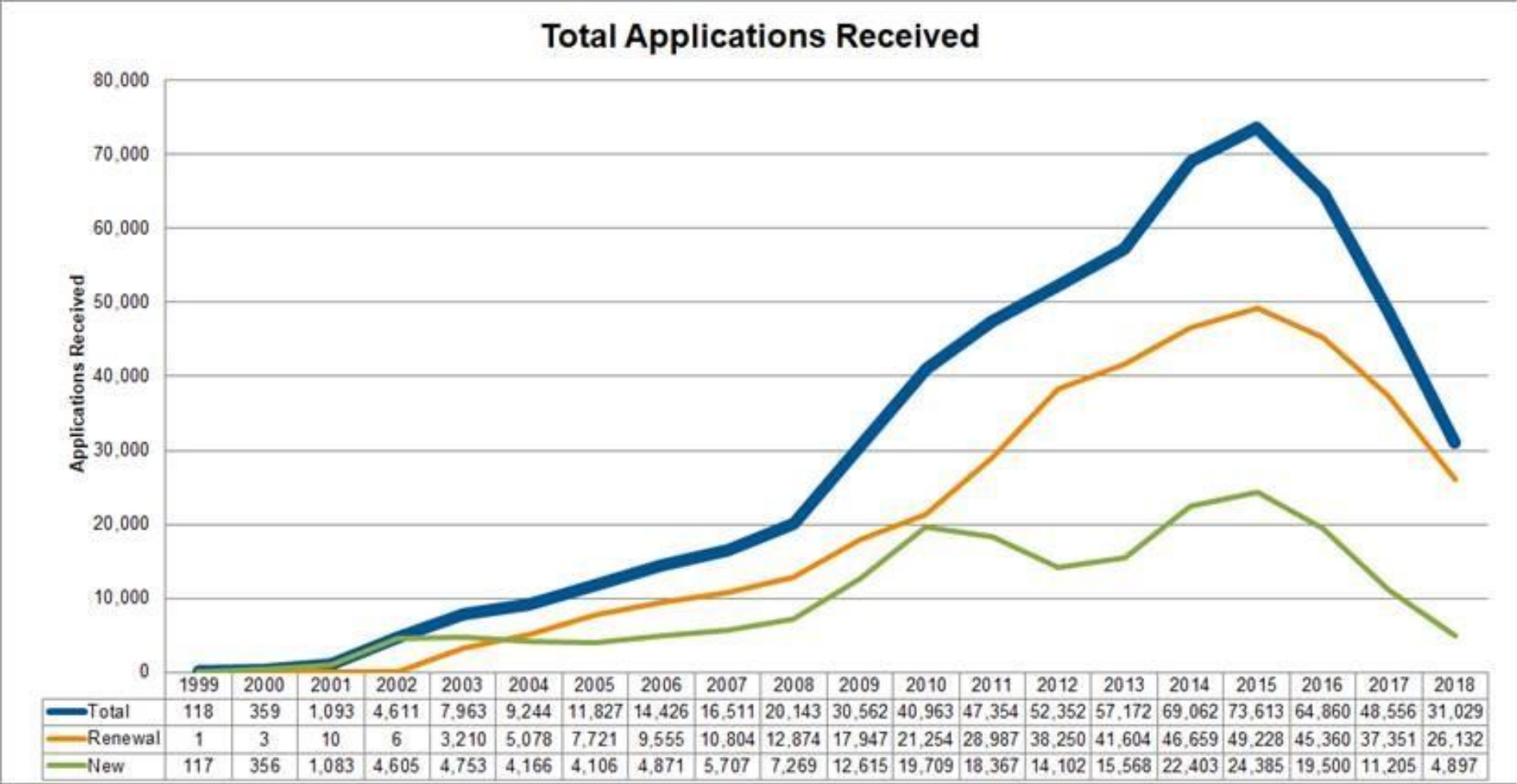
- Required to apply annually
 - Must pay a fee ranging from \$20 to \$200
 - Visit a physician and include the physician's signed approval
 - Required to be a residence of Oregon
- Benefits
 - Higher possession limits
 - Able to grow more plants
 - Higher potency products
 - Tax free purchases

Medical Marijuana Registry Program

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

	Patients		Caregivers		Growers		Grow sites	
October 2015	78,045	-	37,017	-	48,699	-	33,194	-
October 2016	68,032	↓ -13%	29,770	↓ -20%	37,847	↓ -22%	27,200	↓ -18%
October 2017	59,137	↓ -13%	23,377	↓ -21%	30,477	↓ -19%	23,175	↓ -15%
October 2018	34,892	↓ -41%	14,313	↓ -39%	16,600	↓ -46%	13,959	↓ -40%

OMMP Patient Applications



Medical Dispensaries and Processing Sites

Medical Dispensaries

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

Medical Processors

- HB 3400 (2015 session) Authorized OHA to register and inspect processors.
 - First applications received April 1, 2016

Dispensary Applications Received by Year			
	New	Renewal	Total
2014 Partial (3/14 - 12/14)	623	0	623
2015	522	229	751
2016	118	328	446
2017	10	19	29
2018	2	5	7

Processing Site Applications Received by Year			
	New	Renewal	Total
2016 Partial (4/16 - 12/16)	322	0	322
2017	18	1	19
2018	1	3	4

Early Retail Sales

- SB 460 (2015 session) Allowed medical marijuana dispensaries to sell limited marijuana products to adults 21 and older.
- Early retail sales period from October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016
- Medical market supplied the legal market during this time frame allowing OLCC to plan and prepare the year before accepting applications.

	Revenue (in millions \$)	
	<i>Reported</i>	<i>Est. total</i>
<i>2015-Q4</i>	\$51.8	\$66.2
<i>2016-Q1</i>	\$49.3	\$56.1
<i>2016-Q2</i>	\$51.6	\$70.5
<i>2016-Q3</i>	\$52.6	\$89.2
<i>2016-Q4</i>	\$16.8	\$69.2
Total	\$222.1	\$351.2

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.

OMMP Info Sharing with Law Enforcement, Cities, Counties and Water Districts

Law enforcement has access to limited OMMP information through:

- Law enforcement telephone line
- Email
- Law Enforcement Data Systems (LEDS)
- Court order or subpoena

Hotline to inquire if an address is the location of a marijuana grow site, processing site or dispensary:

- A person designated by a city or county.
- A person designated by the Water Resources Dept.
- A person designated by the water master of any water district.

Oregon Cannabis Commission (OCC)

- HB 2198 (2017 session) established OCC
 - Members consist of Public Health Officer and 8 governor appointed members
 - Tasked with:
 - Determining a possible framework for future governance of OMMP.
 - Determine steps the State must take to ensure research on cannabis and cannabis-derived products is being conducted for public purposes.
 - Advise OMMP and OLCC regarding medical marijuana.
 - Focus areas for 1st year:
 - Product Integrity
 - Research
 - Clinical Practice and Training
 - Patient Access
 - Report will be submitted to the Legislative Assembly related to health and judiciary on findings and determinations of OCC by February 1, 2019

Thank You

Questions?

