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Medical Cannabis Program Update

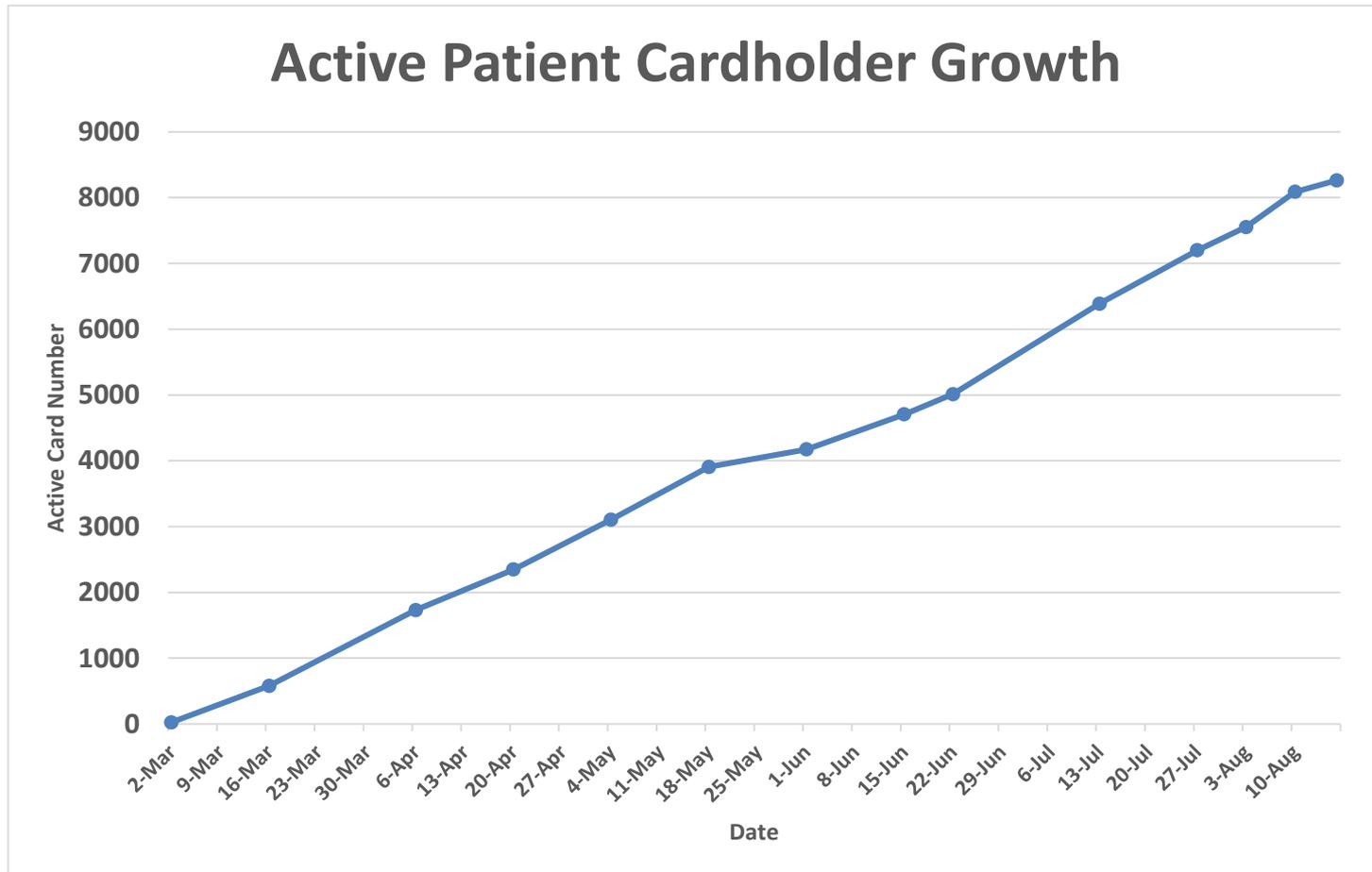
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Medical Cannabis Program Statistics



- 8,261 active cardholders as of August 16, 2020
- 6,041 unique recommendation letter customers as of 7/31/20

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Patient Cardholders by Age and Sex

Patient Age	Number (N = 8,261)	Percentage
Less than 10 years	2	Less than 1%
11-21	93	1%
22-30	1,582	19%
31-45	3,172	38%
46-55	1,315	16%
56-65	1,177	14%
66+	920	11%
Patient Sex		
Male	4,605	56%
Female	3,642	44%
Other	14	Less than 1%

Patient Cardholders by County

County	Number (N = 8,261)	Percentage
Utah	3,670	44%
Salt Lake	2,406	29%
Weber	751	9%
Davis	396	5%
Cache	345	4%
Box Elder	130	2%
Washington	118	1%
Tooele	91	1%
Summit, Wasatch, Carbon, Uintah, Beaver, Sanpete, Iron, Juab, Duchesne, Sevier, Morgan, Millard, Emery, San Juan, Kane, Daggett, Garfield, Grand, Rich, Piute, Wayne	There are between 1 and 52 cardholders in each of these counties. All 29 counties in Utah have at least one cardholder.	5%

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Patient Cardholders by Medical Condition

Medical condition	Total number of patient certifications as	Percentage of patient certifications
Chronic Pain	7,697	74%
PTSD	1,120	11%
Cancer	305	3%
Nausea	235	2%
Terminal Illness	177	2%
Crohn's Disease	174	2%
MS	129	1%
Epilepsy	124	1%
HIV	92	Less than 1%
Autism	81	Less than 1%
Ulcerative Colitis	61	Less than 1%
Debilitating Seizures	44	Less than 1%
Persistent Muscle Spasms	33	Less than 1%
Other*	32	Less than 1%
Rare Conditions	27	Less than 1%
Cachexia	13	Less than 1%
Hospice	11	Less than 1%
Alzheimer's	6	Less than 1%
AIDS	4	Less than 1%
ALS	1	Less than 1%
Total number of patient certifications	10,366	100%

*Other denotes those conditions petitioned to the Compassionate Use Board. These conditions include anxiety, sleep disorder, Parkinson's disease, depression, anorexia, postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome, and ADHD.

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- The Compassionate Use Board (CUB) meets monthly and has held five meetings since March 2020.
- The CUB has reviewed 71 petitions
 - 54 approved
 - 16 incomplete and additional information requested
 - 1 denied
- Age range of patients submitting CUB petitions is 5 to 61.
- Medical conditions approved by the CUB include anxiety, sleep disorder, Parkinson's disease, depression, anorexia, postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome, and ADHD.

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Qualified Medical Providers By County

County	Number QMP Office locations (N = 545)	Percentage
Salt Lake	218	40%
Utah	198	36%
Davis	51	9%
Weber	35	6%
Washington	14	2%
Cache	6	1%
Summit	4	Less than 1%
Beaver, Box Elder, Grand, Iron, Juab, Millard, Morgan, San Juan, Sevier, Tooele, Uintah, Wasatch	These counties each have between 1 and 3 QMP locations.	3%
Daggett, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Kane, Piute, Rich, Sanpete, Wayne	These counties have no QMP locations.	0%

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QMPs by Cardholder Cap

	Number of QMPs	Percentage
Active QMPs with Cardholder Cap of 600 – Number of medical providers approved by UDOH to recommend to up to 600 active cardholders.	96	77%
Active QMPs with Cardholder Cap of 275 – Number of medical providers approved by UDOH to recommend to up to 275.	323	23%
Total QMPs – Number of medical providers with an active QMP registration.	419	100%

QMPs by DOPL License Classification

DOPL License Type	Number (N=419)
Medical Doctor (MD)	182
Osteopathic Doctor (DO)	40
Physician Assistant (PA)	44
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)	153

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QMPs by Number of Active Patient Certifications

- Of the 419 registered QMPs:
 - 10 are responsible for 28% of the total patient certifications.
 - 5 are responsible for 16% of the total patient certifications.
 - 50% (209 of 419) are responsible for 98% of the total patient certifications.
 - 5% (23 of 419) are responsible for 50% of total patient certifications.

Active Certifications	Total number of QMPs submitting active patient certifications in this range as of August 16, 2020 (N=419)	Percentage
276+	1	Under 1%
200-275	10	2%
100-199	12	3%
26-100	69	16%
1-25	192	46%
0	135	32%

Medical Cannabis Pharmacy Openings



Name	Location	Opening
Dragonfly Wellness	711 S State St, Salt Lake City	March 2, 2020
Perfect Earth Modern Apothecary	2150 N Main St, North Logan	March 16, 2020
Perfect Earth Modern Apothecary	3775 Wall Ave, South Ogden	April 28, 2020
WholesomeCo Cannabis	580 W 100 N, West Bountiful	August 12, 2020
Deseret Wellness	222 N Draper Ln, Provo	August 21, 2020
Curaleaf	3633 N Thanksgiving Way, Lehi	August 24-29, 2020
Beehive's Own	1991 S 3600 W, Salt Lake City	September 2020
Deseret Wellness	1351 Kearns Blvd, STE 110-B, Park City	October 2020
Justice Grown	TBA, Salt Lake County	Before 2021
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Pure UT	TBA, Payson	Before 2021
Columbia Care	484 S 1750 W, Springville	Before 2021
Bloom Medicinals	301 S Main St, Cedar City	Before 2021
Beehive's Own	TBA, Brigham City	Before 2021

EVS Website Improvements



- Removed unnecessary steps in the application process for patients and providers
- Added more instructional text to prompt a patient and medical provider during online application process
- Added application dashboard to provide applicants a visual representation of what steps remain in the application process
- Medical providers now receive automated email notification when their patient's application is incomplete
- Updated user guides and educated QMPs, medical assistants and patient advocates on how to help patients through the application process
- Plans for additional improvements include:
 - Enable applicants to complete all of their part of the application process, including fee payment, before meeting with a medical provider
 - Further communication with QMPs and pharmacies on how EVS may better support them and their patients

Possible Legislative Action



- Clarify medical cannabis pharmacy opening deadline.
- Adjust limit on number of active cardholders to whom a QMP may recommend medical cannabis if a QMP certifies with UDOH as an advanced trained medical specialist. To certify, a QMP must:
 - Complete advanced training defined in rule and pre-approved by UDOH; and
 - Verify participation in professional practice group of at least five other QMPs.
- Pharmacy medical provider advertising limit
- Enable limited medical cannabis card information to appear in the Controlled Substance Database.

QUESTIONS?



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