Trends in Physician supply

Michigan Recruitment and Retention Network
May 3, 2010
2009 Survey of Physicians

- Employment characteristics
- Practice specialty
- Time spent providing patient care
- Practice capacity and acceptance of Medicaid
- Plans to continue practice
- Origin and education background
- Professional activities
- Use of technology
- Gender, age, race and ethnicity
2009 Survey of Physicians

- 42,960 physicians licensed in Michigan
  - 31,802 MDs with full license
  - 3,598 MDs with educational limited license
  - MDs represent 82.4% of physician workforce
  - 6,648 DOs with full license
  - 912 DOs with educational limited license
  - DOs represent 17.6% of physician workforce
Sample Size

- 12,143 physicians renewed their license
- 3,343 survey responses
- 28% response rate
Employment Characteristics

- 66% of fully licensed physicians are “active” in Michigan
  - Providing patient care in Michigan
  - Working as a physician in Michigan with no time in patient care
- 34% are “not active” in Michigan
  - Not working as a physician
  - Working as a physician, but not in Michigan
What’s the significance?

- Total number of fully licensed physicians X percent “active” in Michigan = Physician Supply

- \(38,450 \times 66\% = 25,377\)
Practice Setting

- 65% practice in a group practice
- 35% in a solo practice
- 68% are salaried employees
  - 25% in a practice they own or co-own
  - 16% in a practice owned by someone else
  - 17% in a hospital
  - 10% in a university or teaching institution
Practice Specialty

- Definition of primary care
  - Family practice, general medicine, internal medicine or general pediatrics

- 2009: 34% primary care
- 2006: 28% primary care
Referral Difficulties

- Psychiatry
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Rheumatology
- Addiction medicine
- Pain medicine
- Neurology
Time Spent in Patient Care

- Active physicians providing patient care spend an average of 39 hours per week providing care.
- 25% spend 30 or fewer hours per week proving patient care.
- 25% spend more than 50 hours per week providing care.
Practice Capacity

- 12% report their practice is full
- 49% report their practice is nearly full
- 40% report practice is far from full
- 85% provide care to Medicaid patients
- 90% provide care to Medicare patients
Plans to Continue Practice

- 2009: 47% of active physicians plan to practice for 1-10 more years
- 2006: 34% planned to retire in 1-10 years
Physicians planning to continue practicing for more than 20 years

- 2009 - 20%
- 2006 - 29%
Next 3 Years?

- 11% plan to increase patient care hours
- 7% plan to significantly reduce hours
- 4% plan to move practice out of state
- 8% plan to retire
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Origin & Education

Background

- 49% of active physicians grew up in MI
- 26% grew up in another state
- 25% grew up in another country

- 41% grew up in a suburban area
- 32% in an urban area
- 28% in a rural area/small town
• 40% attended a Michigan medical school
• 32% attended a medical school in another state
• 29% attended medical school outside of the U.S.

61% did a residency in Michigan
14% did a fellowship in Michigan
Professional Activities

- Teaching (clinical setting) 49%
- Administration in private practice 20%
- Teaching (classroom) 18%
- Research 17%
- Administration in other setting 15%
- Emergency room care 12%
- Patient care in nursing home 7%
- Medical examiner 2%
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Gender, Age, Race, and Ethnicity

- 73% male and 27% are female
- 51% are 55 or older
  - 2005 - Only 37% were 55 or older
- Race/ethnicity
  - 72% White
  - 16% Asian or Pacific Islander
  - 4% African American
  - 3% Hispanic
  - 1% Multiracial
  - <1% American Indian/Alaskan Native
Primary Care vs. Specialty Care Physicians

- Outpatient vs. Inpatient Practice Site
  - Primary Care – 95% outpatient
  - Specialty Care – 71% outpatient

- Average hours per week providing direct patient care
  - Primary Care – 38 hours
  - Specialty Care – 41 hours
Professional Activities

- Research
  - Primary Care – 8%
  - Specialty Care – 17%

- Administration in private practice
  - Primary Care – 26%
  - Specialty Care – 16%

- Patient care in a nursing home
  - Primary Care – 14%
  - Specialty Care – 3%
Technology

- Specialists are more likely to use electronic health records
- Primary care physicians are more likely to use technology for:
  - Prescriptions
  - Claims information
  - Information about treatment alternatives (Internet)
Residency
- 67% of primary care physicians did a residency in Michigan
- 60% of specialists did a Michigan residency
No appreciable difference

- How much longer they plan to practice medicine
- Plans in the next 3 years
- Factors leading to retirement or reducing hours
- Age distribution
Welcome to the Michigan Healthcare Workforce Center

The Michigan Healthcare Workforce Center (MHWC) is an informational resource initiative designed to gather, review and disseminate information on healthcare workforce related issues. The Center serves as a clearinghouse for information and data regarding healthcare workforce development at the state and national level. The Center is also designed to assist individuals and agencies in their efforts to address current and anticipated workforce shortages.

The AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) has released the 2009 State Physician Workforce Data Book. See the Resources/Publications link to view the report.

For information about the Patient Centered Medical Home initiative, select the Professional Practice Activities category button on the left side of the page.

Governor Announces Plans for the Michigan Nursing Corps
Plans include training 42,000 new nurses over the next 5 years

Michigan Works! Releases New Report
Capital Area Health Care: The Jobs Machine

Who We Are

The MHWC is overseen by the Interagency Healthcare Workforce Coordinating Council (IHWCC) which is composed of representatives from the Office of the Governor, Michigan Department of Community Health, Michigan Department of Human Services, Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth and the Michigan Health Council. The Department of Community Health provides oversight for the Center. To assist the Department of Community Health in assuring that the Center is useful to the public, the four departments established the IHWCC. The IHWCC serves in an advisory capacity to the Department of Community Health.

An interactive diagram depicting all of the major Michigan healthcare workforce programs that support the MHWC is available in the following link: Healthcare Workforce Initiatives

Our Purpose

The Michigan Healthcare Workforce Center will:
Interagency Healthcare Workforce Coordinating Council

The Interagency Healthcare Workforce Development Coordinating Council is a group of representatives from the following participating agencies:

- Governor’s Office
- Department of Community Health
- Department of Education
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth
- Michigan Health Council

The Council works in conjunction with the Department of Community Health to assure that the Michigan Healthcare Workforce Center provides sufficient resources to meet the needs of internal and external stakeholders.

Function of the Coordinating Council

The Council assists with the dissemination of information on healthcare workforce initiatives, data resources, and related issues to key internal and external stakeholders. Council members participate on work groups established to address healthcare workforce issues and provide periodic updates to their respective department directors and key stakeholders. They are also responsible for providing input for white papers and other documents addressing workforce issues, assisting Workforce Center staff in the interpretation of data, providing input on strategies for publishing workforce data and keeping Center staff informed of new data sources, workforce studies and other initiatives related to healthcare workforce development.

Membership

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State Loan Repayment Program

Michigan State Loan Repayment Program Overview & Updates

Employers and health care providers should read this important program overview and update first. This is a summary of how the State of Michigan State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) operates for both the health care provider and the employer. Issues of eligibility, program benefits, types of contracts available, identification of priority sites and providers, and information updates regarding the next application period is provided.

- SLRP Funding and Contracts
- SLRP Provider Selection Criteria
- SLRP Selection Terms, Rules, & Process
- SLRP Application Strategies and Considerations for Providers and Employers
- SLRP Application Periods
- Your SLRP Provider Application
- Successful SLRP Application Check List
- SLRP Application Forms
- Resources for Locating Health Professional Shortage Areas
- Resources for Locating Priority Practice Sites
- Information for Current SLRP Providers
- Other Program Information
Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) & Medically Underserved Area/Population (MUA/P) Designations

HPSA and MUA/P Program Overview

This overview is intended to provide basic information on some of the fundamental concepts of Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and Medically Underserved Area/Population (MUA/P) designations. This information is not intended to be all inclusive but should provide the background information needed to understand the purpose of, general criteria for, and applications of HPSA and MUA/P designations. Read more of the overview here.

Program Information

- **Where are Michigan’s Designated Shortage Areas?**  
  This section offers maps and lists delineated by county for use in locating Michigan’s designated HPSAs and MUA/Ps.

- **What HPSA designations are scheduled for review?**  
  This section offers a list of the previously designated HPSAs scheduled for review in the current and future re-designation cycles.

- **Programs Utilizing HPSA and MUA/P Designations**  
  This section contains information on the State and Federal programs available to areas, population groups, and facilities designated as HPSAs and MUA/Ps.

- **Information from HRSA on the Proposed Rule for HPSA and MUP Designation**  
  This section offers information on the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) proposed new rule for HPSA and MUP designation along with MDCH resources to assist in understanding the proposed rule (updated 7/24/2008).

MDCH Resources

- Provider Surveys for Medical, Dental, and Mental Health Professionals
- Michigan Student/Resident Experiences and Rotations in Community Health (M-SEARCH)

Links

- Federal Shortage Designation Website
- Health Resources and Services Administration
- Medical Opportunities in Michigan
- Michigan Center for Rural Health
Governor Announces Plans for the Michigan Nursing Corps

Plans include training 42,000 new nurses over the next 5 years

The healthcare industry in Michigan has grown tremendously and is vital to the economic stability of Michigan’s communities. Healthcare is the single largest employment category in many of Michigan’s communities, especially those in which a community hospital is located. The healthcare industry holds great promise for Michigan’s future workforce. There are many potential job opportunities with over 200 different jobs in the healthcare field. The demand for health professionals will continue to increase dramatically as the use of technology accelerates and the population continues to live longer.

The Careers in Health website provides comprehensive information about careers in the healthcare field, the skills and education needed to pursue various careers, licensing requirements and employment information.
Health Professionals Credentialing and *OneSource* Project

Welcome to the Credentialing and *OneSource* Project website. This site has been developed to:

- Serve as a resource for credentialing health professionals.
- Provide a general overview of the State of Michigan's *OneSource* project.
- Ensure that project updates and related information are available for those interested.

*OneSource* Project Overview

2006 Medicaid Transformation Grant

Medversant Company Profile

Project News

Frequently Asked Questions

**Credentialing Resources and Related Links**

American Health Information Management Association

The Joint Commission

Utilization Review Accreditation Commission

National Committee for Quality Assurance
Michigan Primary Care Consortium
Who We Are

Home

The Michigan Primary Care Consortium (MPCC) is a collaborative private/public partnership of organizations committed to improving the delivery of primary healthcare in Michigan and to rebuilding the primary healthcare workforce. The Consortium was organized in 2006 in response to an invitation from the Chronic Disease Division of the Michigan Department of Community Health to primary care stakeholders to collaborate in resolving the system level barriers that were impeding the consistent delivery of effective chronic illness and preventive care in primary care settings.

Since 2007, the Consortium has promoted the transformation of primary care practices to patient-centered medical homes. The Improving Performance in Practice (IPIP) project has provided insight into the difficulties and successes experienced by primary care practices while implementing the model. In 2010, MPCC workgroups are completing initiatives in three major arenas: practice transformation, engagement of consumers of healthcare, and rebuilding the primary care workforce. See MPCC History and What We Are Doing for more information.

A basic assumption of the Consortium is that transformative changes in complex systems are best accomplished through the collaborative efforts of all the key stakeholders. MPCC members have a vested interest in primary healthcare and/or health system change and affirm the Mission, Vision, and Guiding Principles of the MPCC. MPCC’s members represent diverse organizations:

- Physician organizations and physician hospital organizations
- Businesses and other purchasers of healthcare
- Insurance companies and healthplans
- Professional associations
- Academic programs
- Michigan Department of Community Health
- Quality improvement organizations
What We're Doing

Home

MPCC members are involved in various activities to achieve the overall objective

Comprehensive, coordinated, whole-person care that is adequately reimbursed will be available in every primary care setting in Michigan

MPCC Workgroups

The MPCC white paper series: “Primary Care is in Crisis” provided a framework and recommended actions for three primary areas of focus. Work groups are implementing action plans for 9 objectives in 2010.

Focus Area 1: Practice Transformation
- Promote Health Information Technology (HIT)
- Determine Cost of Creating a PCMH
- Generate a Plan to Spread PCMH
- Create a “Getting Started with PCMH” Toolkit
- Support Patient Self-Management in Practices
- Assess Need/Demand for Community Resources

Focus Area 2: Consumer Engagement and Activation
- Identify Methods to Teach and Support Self-Management by Consumers
- Augment Health Literacy Content in the Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education

Focus Area 3: Rebuild Primary Care Workforce
- Create a Primary Care Workforce Plan for Michigan

Michigan IPIP Program
For more than 65 years, the Michigan Health Council has been working to connect healthcare employers with professionals, promote health education, and examine healthcare workforce issues in Michigan. We are a

Nurse Jobs

Opportunity/Candidate Matches Since 2002 27,737
The Michigan Health Council is committed to helping physicians, nurses and other health professionals find excellent opportunities in Michigan and surrounding states. We are NOT a recruitment or retention firm; our programs provide you the opportunity to:

- Confidently search openings and opportunities in health systems, hospitals, and group practices
- Submit your resume to our extensive database so we can help find an employer match
- Sign up to receive e-mail notices when openings occur in your area of interest

MHC will NEVER sell or disclose our candidates confidential information. On the web for nearly 15 years, MHC’s job services have matched more than 200,000 healthcare providers with new jobs. We can help you make your next career move.

For **Physicians**, **Physician Assistants** and **Nurse Practitioners**, please visit our state-specific sites:

- **Michigan** Medical Opportunities in Michigan (MOM) [www.mimom.org](http://www.mimom.org)
- **Indiana** Medical Opportunities in Indiana (OMI) [www.omionline.org](http://www.omionline.org)
- **Ohio** Medical Opportunities in Ohio (MOO) [www.ohmoo.org](http://www.ohmoo.org)
- **Pennsylvania** Practice Opportunities in Pennsylvania (POP) [www.poponline.org](http://www.poponline.org)

For Careers in **Nursing**, please visit:

- [Individual Career Opportunities in Nursing](http://www.nurseicon.org)

For **OT, PT, RT, Medical, Surgical and Radiological Technologists, Pharmacists** and **Pharmacy Technicians**, please visit:

- Michigan Healthcare Jobs [www.mihcj.org](http://www.mihcj.org)
As part of our effort to strengthen our state’s healthcare workforce, MHC supports two dedicated healthcare workforce centers: The Michigan Center for Health Professionals and Michigan Center for Nursing. The Michigan Healthcare Workforce Center is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health and is a significant resource for healthcare workforce.

**Michigan Center for Nursing** is a champion for nursing across the state, working toward the vision of providing Michigan with a high-quality nursing workforce that meets the healthcare needs of its communities. Its focus on collaboration, communication and consensus-building have strengthened the nursing workforce, and its premier programs—including forums, institutes, summits, and workshops/presentations/informational meetings—have set the standard for nursing events in the region.

**Michigan Center for Health Professionals** focuses on the critical issues of recruitment, education and retention of health professionals. Its goal is to foster collaboration within the healthcare community to reach policy consensus, promote workforce diversity, and assist in sustaining and enhancing Michigan’s healthcare workforce.

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Bureau of Health Professions
Websites

- www.michigan.gov/healthlicense
- www.michigan.gov/elicense
- www.michigan.gov/pm
- www.michigan.gov/patientsafety
- www.michigan.gov/mhwc
- www.michigan.gov/healthcareers
- www.michigan.gov/mmp
Bureau of Health Professions

License for Health Care Professionals

Mailing Address: BHP, PO Box 30670, Lansing MI 48909
Courier Mailing Address: BHP, 611 W. Ottawa, 1st Floor, Lansing MI 48933

Physical Therapist Assistant License
Physical Therapist Assistant and Medicare Requirements
Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS)
Michigan Medical Marihuana Program
Fingerprint/Backround Check Now Required for All Applicants
Nursing Renewal Fees Increased
Nursing License Application Fees Increased
Public Hearing Notice - Dentistry Rules

Application packets are available for downloading within each profession's link listed on the left. If you'd like an application packet mailed to you, e-mail us at bhphelp@michigan.gov or call (517) 335-0918. Board of Medicine applicants can apply online at mylicense.

To change your name you must submit the request in writing. To change your address you must either submit in writing or via the Internet. A new license is not issued automatically. You can complete the Data Change/Duplicate License Request Form and fax to (517) 373-2179 (no new license issued) or mail the form to MDCH/BHP, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909. Include the $10.00 fee if a new license is required. To change your address online go to www.michigan.gov/mylicense. If you require a new license to be issued with the new information you will be able to request and pay for a duplicate license with a credit card.

To verify a health professional license in Michigan or check disciplinary action taken on a license go to verify a license or call (517) 241-9427.

Effective January 1, 2009 Michigan licensed MDs and DOs should contact VeriDoc at www.veridoc.org to have their license verified to another state. A fee will be charged for that verification. Questions should be directed to the MD Board at 243-249-8500.
Medicine

- **Michigan Board of Medicine**
  Welcome to the Michigan Board of Medicine website! Our goal is to provide up-to-date information on various topics related to the practice of medicine in Michigan. We hope you find this information helpful and invite you to check out our website often.

Medical Licensing Information

- **Medicine 2010 Approved CE Programs** [PDF]
- **Public Health Code - Medicine Section**
- **Medicine 2010 Board Meetings** [PDF]
- **Medicine 2009 Approved CE Programs** [PDF]
- **Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS)**
- **Medicine Board Position Statement on Internet Prescribing** [PDF]
- **Medicine 2008 Approved CE Programs** [PDF]
- **Medicine 2007 Approved CE Programs** [PDF]
- **New Limited Medical License Application Information** [PDF]
- **Medicine Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes**
- **MDCH Survey of Physicians 2005** [PDF]
- **Medicine 2006 Approved CE Programs** [PDF]
- **Medicine 2005 Approved CE Programs** [PDF]
- **Occupational Disease Reporting** [PDF]
- **Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine Guidelines for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain** [PDF]
- **Overview-MI Guidelines for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain** [PDF]
- **Medicine CE Requirements** [PDF]
- **Explanation of Continuing Education Requirements**
- **Health Alert - Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS)** [PDF]
- **Administrative Rules**
• How long will it take to get my license once I have passed USMLE Step 3?
• What licenses are available?
• How many times can I take the USMLE Step 3?
• If applying by endorsement, can I or the state in which I was originally licensed send you my National exam scores?
• My renewal date is coming up soon. I know that the license/registration will be valid until the expiration date after I renew. Since I will be moving next year, I only want to renew it for 1 year. Can I do that?
• Do I need to complete continuing education to renew my license?
• Do I need to submit proof of my continuing education?
• Can I use any additional hours I earned over the required hours for the next renewal period?
• How long do I need to keep my continuing education certificates?
• What if I don’t earn enough continuing education credits?

Medical Licensing Forms and Applications

• Volunteer License Renewal Form for Retired Dentists, Physicians and Podiatrists  [PDF]
• MD Limited License Application Packet  [PDF]
• MD Clinical Academic Appointment Form for Renewal  [PDF]
• Volunteer Licensure Application Packet for Retired Dentists, Physicians and Podiatrists  [PDF]
• Suspended/Revoked License Reinstatement Application Packet  [PDF]
• Disciplinary Limited License Reclassification Application Packet  [PDF]
• Med Ed Lmt -Certification of Appointment for Renewal  [PDF]
• Medicine CE Program Sponsor Application  [PDF]
• RENEWAL-License Renewal Application
• MD Relicensure Application Packet  [PDF]
• MD USMLE Application Packet  [PDF]
• MD Educational Limited Application Packet  [PDF]
• MD Clinical Academic Application Packet  [PDF]
• MD Endorsement Application Packet  [PDF]
• MD Full Relicensure Application Packet  [PDF]
• Data Change/Duplicate License Request Form  [PDF]
Welcome to Michigan’s Online License Application/Renewal Service
Now, renewing your professional license has never been easier. We are pleased to present Internet license application/renewal for the following professions. Please select a profession.

Spotlight

* Health Care License Look-up
* Commercial Services License Look-up

MDCH eLicense Links

* Select a Health Profession
  - Audiology
  - Chiropractors
  - Counselors
  - Dentistry
  - EMS - Personnel
  - Health Systems Facilities
  - Marriage and Family Therapy
  - Medicine
  - Nursing
  - Nursing Home Administrators
  - Occupational Therapists
  - Optometry
  - Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery
  - Pharmacy
  - Pharmacist
  - Physical Therapy
  - Physicians Assistants
  - Podiatric Medicine & Surgery
  - Psychology
  - Respiratory Care
  - Sanitarians
  - Social Workers

DELEG e-License Links

* Select a Commercial Profession
  - Accountancy
  - Architects
  - Barbers
  - Boxing
  - Carnival/Amusement
  - Cemetery Regulation
  - Collection Practices
  - Community Planners
  - Cosmetology
  - Foresters
  - Hearing Aid Dealers
  - Immigration Clerical Assistant
  - Landscape Architects
  - Mortuary Science
  - Oculist
  - Personnel Agency
  - Polvgraph Examiners
  - Prepaid Funeral Providers
  - Private Detective
  - Professional Engineers
  - Professional Surveyors
  - Real Estate
  - Real Estate - Facilities
  - Real Estate Appraisers
  - Residential Builders
Pain & Symptom Management

Welcome to the Michigan Pain Management web site. This web site was developed to increase the general public's and health professional's awareness of pain and symptom management. It provides information in the form of professional papers, articles, related statutes, and numerous links to organizations with expertise in the area of pain and symptom management.

Pain is a universal problem that affects millions of people regardless of social, economic and cultural considerations. In a 2009 public telephone survey, 24.3% of Michigan residents have sought treatment from a health care professional for a chronic pain condition in the past year. The survey results also showed that 28.2% of Michigan residents have sought treatment from a health care professional for an acute pain condition in the past year. The American Academy of Pain Medicine estimates that over 75 million Americans live with serious pain.

Appropriate treatment saves lives, reduces pain and suffering, decreases hospital stays and saves money by reducing overuse of health care resources. Pain is a personal experience and unique to each individual. Pain may include a range of physical and mental sensations, such as aching, tightness, numbing and burning. These sensations may vary in severity, persistence, source and duration.

Michigan Cancer Consortium offers Resources for Financial Assistance for Cancer Patients

In winter 2010, the Michigan Department of Community Health will distribute "Responsible Opioid Prescribing:
A Physicians Guide" to optometrists, podiatrists and psychologists.

Michigan physicians respond to survey questions on pain management.

2009 Physician Survey Report

Information for patients, families, advocates

Information for health care professionals

Michigan Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management
Patient Safety

Every year thousands of American citizens die because of medical/nursing errors, medication errors and accidental injuries in hospitals, nursing homes and in home health settings.

This site was developed for the general public and health professionals in Michigan to assist and educate them about the important issue of patient safety. We hope that the information contained in this website will provide you with the tools necessary to help you protect yourself, your family members and your patients.

Joint Commission Releases Patient Safety Goals for 2010

Patient Safety for the Public

Learn how you, as a member of the public, can protect yourself and your family in various health care settings

Patient Safety for Professionals

Learn how you, as a provider of health care services, can take steps to ensure the safety of patients under your care.
Michigan Medical Marihuana Program
The Michigan Medical Marihuana Program (MMMP) is a state registry program within the Bureau of Health Professions at the Michigan Department of Community Health. The program will administer the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act as approved by Michigan voters on November 4, 2008. The program will implement the statutory tenants of this act in such a manner that protects the public and assures the confidentiality of its participants.

RENEWAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Program Status Update (4/16/2010): Application Forms and Instructions are available for printing from this website.

Program Statistics:

- 25,589 original and renewal applications received since April 6, 2009.
- 13,239 patient registrations issued.
- 5,460 caregiver registrations issued.
- 3,835 applications denied -- most due to incomplete application or missing documentation.
- Applications are reviewed within 15 days of receipt. Incomplete applications are denied and applicants are then notified of denial by certified and regular mail.
- Complete applications, change forms and reapplications for previous denials are then processed in the date order in which they are received. If a denial letter is not received, then the application is deemed valid. The statute currently allows for a copy of the application submitted to serve as a valid registry identification if the card is not issued within 20 days of its submission to the department. At this time, we are unable to issue valid registry identification cards within the statutory time frame with the resources available to us. Currently staff is issuing registry identification cards for valid applications received early January. We continue to review and revise our processing methods in order to more efficiently process and issue the valid registry cards.
- The staff is diligently working to process the applications and is having difficulty responding to all the voicemails left on the Medical Marihuana Registry phone line. We appreciate your patience and ask that applicants refrain from calling to inquire about the status of the...
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