

## **Applications Denied Due to Physician Verification**

As announced by [press release](#) on December 9, 2011, the Registry held approximately 4,200 applications for physician verification. This delay was in response to notification by law enforcement agencies of potentially fraudulent physician certification forms.

The Registry contacted the physicians whose names and signatures appeared on the physician certification forms for applicants who, based upon information received from law enforcement regarding the physicians, were believed to have been seen by someone other than the physician. The physicians were asked to verify whether or not they had seen specific patients and had signed their certification forms.

As part of this process, the Registry has issued denial letters to patients for whom the physicians did not verify that they personally conducted the examination and completed the patients' physician certifications. Pursuant to the Colorado Constitution, Article XVIII, Sec. 14(3)(e), denied applicants must wait six months from the date of denial before reapplying.

## **FAQs About Denials due to Physician Verification:**

### **1. Why was I denied?**

Patients received a denial letter if the physician listed on their physician certifications indicated to the Registry that he/she did not personally conduct the exam or complete the paperwork. In those instances, the Registry was not able to verify a bona fide physician-patient relationship, which is required by the Colorado Constitution. Submitting an application containing a physician's signature with whom the patient did not have a bona fide physician-patient relationship constitutes fraud and is cause for denial. Full details are provided in your denial letter.

### **2. Can I go see another doctor and submit a new application?**

No, you are listed in the registry database as a denied applicant. If you submit additional paperwork, your nonrefundable application fee will be processed and your duplicate application will be denied as well.

### **3. What do I do now?**

If your application has been denied, you are not an active patient at the Registry. If you wish to seek registry participation in the future, you may reapply no sooner than six (6) months from the date of your denial by submitting all new paperwork and an application fee.

If you wish to challenge the denial and request a hearing, your request must be made in writing and be received at the Department within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the postmark on the Certificate of Service. To ensure the appropriate files are accessed please include your full legal name and the last four digits of your social security number in the written request. You may send your written request to the Registry by:

- i. **Mail:** MMR/Appeals Committee, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, CO 80246.
- ii. **Fax:** Attention MMR/Appeals Committee, 303-758-5182
- iii. **Email:** In your email subject line please type "MMR/Appeals Committee" and send it to [medical.marijuana@state.co.us](mailto:medical.marijuana@state.co.us)