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June 4, 2018

Senator Eric Brakey, Chair
Representative Patricia Hymanson, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services
#100 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0100

Dear Senator Brakey and Representative Hymanson:

The Maine Medical Use of Marijuana statute (22 M.R.S.A. §558-C) directs the Department of Health and Human Services to submit an annual report to the Legislature. Enclosed please find the 2017 annual report. This report includes the following:

- The number of registered patients by County
- The number of caregiver cards by County
- The number of physicians by County

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Dr. Bruce Bates, Director, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention at (207) 287-3270 or bruce.bates@maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Ricker Hamilton
Commissioner

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Enclosure

Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Annual Report to the Maine State Legislature



Background

The Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act was legislated in 2009 and the MMMP became operational in 2010. The rules governing the program became effective September 17, 2013 and inform:

- Debilitating medical conditions for which the medical use of marijuana is authorized;
- Procedures for issuing a certificate of registration to a medical marijuana dispensary;
- Procedures for issuing registry identification cards to qualified patients, primary caregivers, staff of hospice providers and nursing facilities;
- Requirements for dispensaries to obtain registry identification cards for their principal officers, board members and employees;
- Confidentiality requirements;
- Payment of fees; and
- Enforcement

In accordance with MRS 22, Chapter 588 C §2425, 10, The Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is required to submit to the Legislature an annual report that does not disclose any identifying information about cardholders or physicians, but does contain, at a minimum:

- The number of applications and renewal filed for registry identification cards;
- The number of qualifying patients and primary caregivers approved in each county;
- The number of registry cards identification cards revoked;
- The number of medical providers providing written certifications for qualifying patients;
- The number of registered dispensaries;
- The number of principal officers, board members and employees of dispensaries.

The data in this report reflect calendar year periods.

For further information, please contact:

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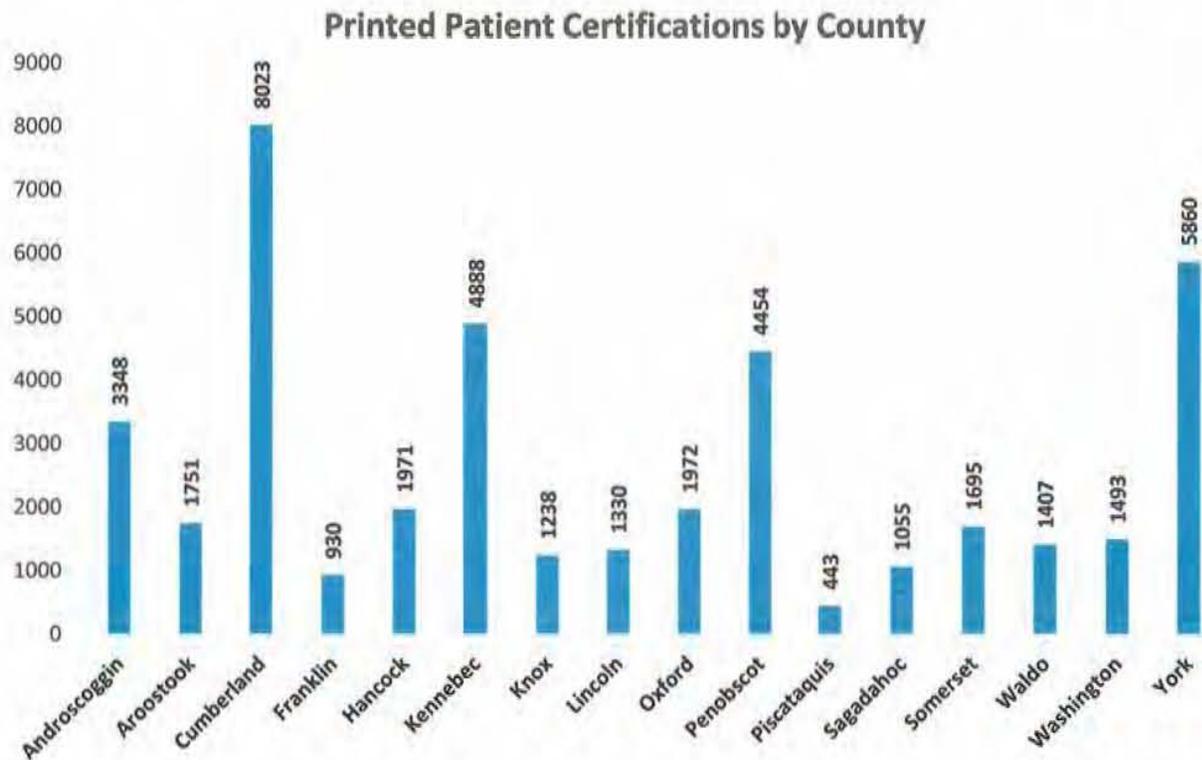
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The rules and statute governing this program may be found at:
www.mainepublichealth.gov/mmm

Printed Patient Certifications by County, 2017

The on-line system recorded in 2017, that 41,858 certifications were printed. A decrease from 51,324 printed in 2016 (-18%).



*This number is not an accurate reflection of the number of patients as it includes all certifications printed, including misprints, reissue of lost certifications and other anomalies.

Caregiver Individuals by County, 2017

Individual caregivers decreased from 3,257 in 2016 to 2,993 in 2017 (-8%). Kennebec and Penobscot Counties experienced the most significant decrease in number of Caregivers. Cumberland and York experienced very small increases in Caregivers.

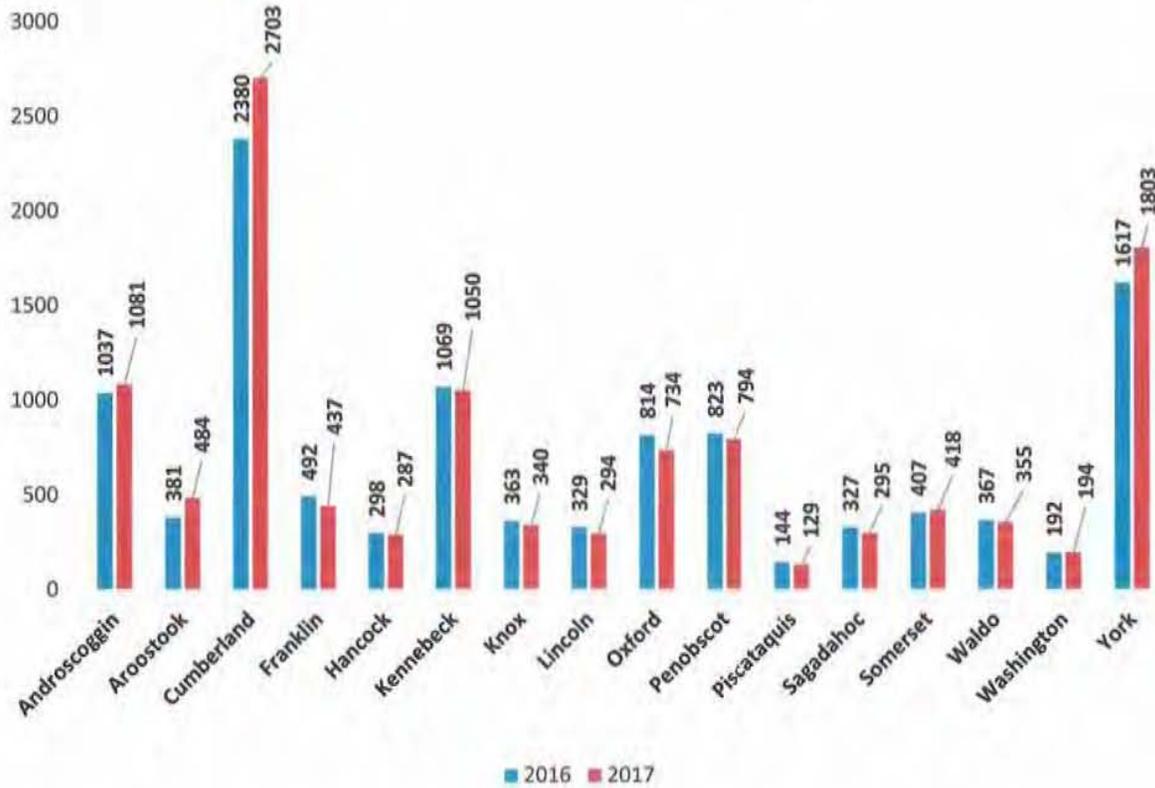
Individual Caregiver Cards Issued by County



Caregiver Cards by County, 2017

The number of caregiver cards increased from 11,040 in 2016 to 11,398 in 2017 (+3%).

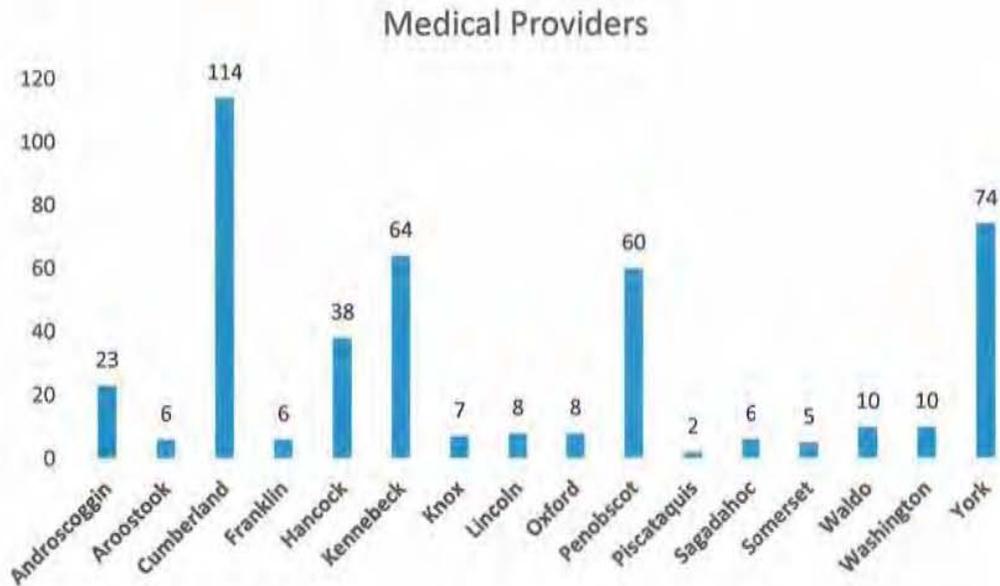
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*This graph represents the individual patients served by caregivers

Medical providers, Employees, Principal Officers and Board members, 2017

In 2017 there was a total of 441 Medical Providers registered in the system. An increase from 417 in 2016 (+6%).



	2016	2017
Number of Caregiver Employees	224	302
Number of Caregiver Cards Revoked	1	2
Number of Registered Dispensaries	8	8
Number of Dispensary Employees	196	186
Number of Dispensary Board Members	22	21
Number of Dispensary Principal Officers	11	7

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