



Health Facilities & Emergency Medical Services Division

Colorado Medical Directors Association
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COLORADO
Health Facilities & Emergency
Medical Services Division
Department of Public Health & Environment



Our Mission

Protect the health, safety and welfare of all health care system users

Ensure access to quality health care for all Coloradans



HFEMSD's Philosophy of Regulation

Reliable to all stakeholders, citizens and visitors

Efficient, effective and elegant in all service interactions

Accountable, transparent and collaborative interactions

Compliant through balanced sanctions and fair practices

Helpful whenever possible



Nursing Facilities

- **222** Currently licensed nursing facilities
- **3 Closures** - List facility names here
- **129** Recertification surveys were conducted 1/1/23 - 12/31/23
- **350** federal complaint investigations completed 1/1/23 - 12/31/23
- **39** state complaint investigations completed 1/1/23 - 12/31/23



Nursing Facilities

Federal Updates

- CMS is initiating an Nursing Home Nurse Staffing Campaign - CMS is proposing to use CMP funds to help sponsor scholarships for individuals who want to receive education and training in RN and LPN licensure and CNA certification.
- CMS has identified these areas for special consideration during survey: Nurse Staffing, Unnecessary Psychotropic Medication, Facility Initiated Discharges



Nursing Facilities

State Fiscal Year June 2023-2024(Current) 1,336 deficiencies cited

Top 10 Deficiencies June 2023-2024 (Current)

1.	NHSN Reporting		
2.	Accidents	59	
3.	Infection Control	60	
4.	Kitchen Sanitation	46	
5.	Label/Store Drugs	37	
6.	Abuse	35	
7.	ADL Care	32	
8.	Respiratory		29
9.	Pressure Wounds	24	
10.	Grievances and Dementia Care	19	



Initial Inspections

State Fiscal Year 21-22: 133

State Fiscal Year 22-23: 170

Re-Licensure Inspections

State Fiscal Year 21-22: 361

State Fiscal Year 22-23: 199

Licensure Infection Control Inspections

State Fiscal Year 22-23: 7

Occurrences Investigations

State Fiscal Year 21-22: 5,505

State Fiscal Year 22-23: 5,382

Complaint Intakes

State Fiscal Year 21-22: 1,822

State Fiscal Year 22-23: 1,241



Health Facility Enforcement

(7/1/2023 - 03/29/2024)

- Initial fitness reviews - 88
- Change of Ownership Fitness Reviews - 77
- Cease and desist letters for facilities operating without a license - 2
- Intermediate conditions including fines and/or requirements to retain a consultant - 85
- License Summary Suspensions/Revocations - 1
- Conditional Licenses Issued - 6
- License Denials/Invalid License Notices - 24
- Appeals of Nursing Home Discharges Handled by Department - 0
- Matters referred to the Office of Administrative Court - 12



Recent Projects

Home & Community Facilities

- Currently have 5 openings in Home Care/Hospice program; 5 RN's, 1 Generalist
- Home Care program is training 1 new RN surveyor
- Assisted Living Residences program is currently hiring for 6 open positions for Health Professional III positions.
- Both programs have developed internal Train the Trainer programs to build on our vigorous training curriculum.
- A Request for Proposal was sent out for the development of the 4 Hour Basic Dementia training required by regulation, which will be free of charge for ALR staff to take.



Recent Projects (cont.)

Behavioral Health & Community Services Section

- Behavioral Health Entity project update:
 - Phase 1 regulations were effective June 14, 2021
 - Transition year started July 1, 2021 for BH providers obligated to move into the new BHE regulations
 - All providers moved into the new BHE licensing chapter by July 1, 2022
 - All BHEs successfully completed the required transition to date
 - The Division created the [BHE website](#) with provider resources, toolkits and FAQs
 - Due to HB22-1278, BHEs have been transitioning from CDPHE to the BHA for oversight beginning January 1, 2024 and at the time of their licensure renewal date
- Secure Transportation Services update:
 - Pleased to [share a new toolkit, “Secure Transportation Program Implementation for Counties,”](#) developed to provide counties and commissioners with the information needed to develop and implement a secure transportation licensing and permitting program.
 - The State Board of Health adopted [rules](#) in June 2022, establishing the minimum requirements for licensing and operating secure transportation services, and gives counties the authority to license secure transportation services (starting January 2023), issue permits for secure transportation service vehicles, and enforce the promulgated regulations.



Recent Projects (cont.)

Emergency Medical & Trauma Services

- Ground ambulance licensing
 - Board of Health passed rules for ground ambulance licensing in December 2023
 - Rules go into effect July 1, 2024
- EMS Sustainability Task Force
 - 5 year task force to examine the sustainability of the EMS system
 - [Year 1 report](#) completed fall 2023
 - Currently in year 2 - addressing inequity and disparity in access to EMS



EMS Enforcement

(7/1/2023 - 03/29/2024)

- Letters of Admonition - 3
- Stipulation of Probations- 18
- Temporary Suspensions - 8
- Summary Suspensions - 3
- Revocations - 4
- Complaints Investigated - 33
- Background Applications Reviewed- 292



Some Leadership Changes!

- Elaine McManis
 - Division Director (appointed Spring '22)
- Newly appointed Deputy Division Director (April 1, 2023)
 - Peter Myers
- Dr. Jeff Beckman, HFEMSD Medical Director leaving in May '24

*The Health Facilities and
EMS Division wishes to
thank all of Colorado's
health facility providers
for their cooperation and
dedication to the care of
Colorado citizens!!*





Questions?

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