

Health Facilities & Emergency Medical Services Division

Colorado Medical Directors Association
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Our Mission

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

Ensure access to quality health care for all Coloradans



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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

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Nursing Facilities

- 222 Currently licensed nursing facilities
- 3 Closures - Parkmoor Village HealthCare Center, Colorado Springs, Good Samaritan Society - Bonell Community, Greeley & Cripple Creek Care Center, Cripple Creek
- 129 Recertification surveys were conducted 1/1/22 - 12/31/22
- 350 federal complaint investigations completed 1/1/22 - 12/31/22
- 39 state complaint investigations completed 1/1/22 - 12/31/22



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Nursing Facilities

Federal Updates

- CMS is requiring 20% of all nursing homes receive a stand alone/complaint infection control survey be conducted 10/22-9/23.
- CMS has identified these areas for special consideration during survey: Behavioral Health, Immunizations, Language and Communication and an optional area identified on survey



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Initial Inspections

State Fiscal Year 20-21: 123
 State Fiscal Year 21-22: 133

Re-Licensure Inspections

State Fiscal Year 20-21: 254
 State Fiscal Year 21-22: 361

Licensure Infection Control Inspections

State Fiscal Year 21-22: 7

Occurrences Investigations

State Fiscal Year 20-21: 4,330
 State Fiscal Year 21-22: 5,505

Complaint Intakes

State Fiscal Year 20-21: 1,841
 State Fiscal Year 21-22: 1,822



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Health Facility Enforcement

(7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)

- Initial fitness reviews - 153
- Change of Ownership Fitness Reviews - 154
- Cease and desist letters for facilities operating without a license - 3
- Intermediate conditions including fines and/or requirements to retain a consultant - 230
- License Summary Suspensions/Revocations - 5
- Conditional Licenses Issued - 7
- License Denials/Invalid License Notices - 47
- Appeals of Nursing Home Discharges Handled by Department - 1
- Matters referred to the Office of Administrative Court - 21



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Recent Projects

Home & Community Facilities

- Currently have 4 openings in Home Care/Hospice program; 3 RN's, 1 Generalist
- Home Care program is training 2 new RN surveyors
- Assisted Living Residences program is currently hiring. There are 9 open positions for Health Professional III positions.
- Both programs are in the process of developing internal Train the Trainer programs to build on our vigorous training curriculum.
- Stakeholder meetings for regulation updates for the ALR Safety bill and the Dementia training and Visitation bills that were passed last year.



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Recent Projects (cont.)

Behavioral Health & Community Services Branch

- **Behavioral Health Entity** project update:
 - Phase 1 regulations were effective June 14, 2021
 - Transition year started July 1, 2021 for current BH providers obligated to move into the new BHE regulations
 - All providers moved into the new BHE licensing chapter by July 1, 2022
 - All BHE's have successfully completed the required transition to date
 - The Division created the BHE website with provider resources, toolkits and FAQs
 - Due to HB22-1278, BHE's will transition from CDPHE to the BHA for oversight beginning July 1, 2023 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.



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Recent Projects (cont.)

Emergency Medical & Trauma Services

- 2022 Legislation
 - Transitioning Ground Ambulance licensing from counties to the state, effective July 1, 2024
 - Established a 5-year taskforce to evaluate the sustainability of Colorado's EMS system
 - Created the Office of Cardiac Arrest to monitor and analyze data from sudden cardiac arrests statewide
- Hybrid (remote/on-site) trauma designation reviews continue



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Some Leadership Changes!

- Elaine McManis
 - Division Director (appointed Spring '22)
- Newly appointed Deputy Division Directors (April 1, 2023)
 - Kara Johnson-Hufford
 - Peter Myers
- Dr. Jeff Beckman, HFEMSD Medical Director



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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!!




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Questions?

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