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NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULE-MAKING HEARING BEFORE THE COLORADO BOARD OF HEALTH

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 24-4-103, C.R.S., that the Colorado Board of Health will conduct a public rule-making hearing on **March 18, 2009** in the Sabin-Cleere Conference Room of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Bldg. A, First Floor, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive, South, Denver, CO 80246, to consider the promulgation of **Standards for Hospitals and Health Facilities, 6 CCR 1011-1, Chapter XXVI, Home Care Agencies**. The Board meeting commences in the morning. For the specific time this hearing is scheduled, please consult the meeting agenda on the Board's Web site at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/op/bh/index.html> on or after Friday, March 6, 2009, or call (303) 692-3464.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments on the adoption of new rules at 6 CCR 1011-1, Chapter XXVI, Home Care Agencies. The proposed rules address the requirements of House Bill 08-153 regarding the licensure of Home Care Agencies (HCAs) and cover the following broad topics: 1) Registration of home care placement agencies, along with requirements for such agencies to perform criminal history record checks and provide disclosure notices to consumers; 2) Licensing fees and protocols for HCAs that include written plans for correcting violations found on inspection, occurrence reporting requirements and intermediate enforcement remedies; 3) General licensing requirements including minimum educational, training and experience standards for the administrator and staff of an HCA; and 4) Specific licensing requirements for home care agencies that provide skilled health services and/or personal care services.

The proposed rules have been developed by the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment pursuant to Sections 25-1.5-103 and 25-27.5-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S. (2008).

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division (HFEMS-A2), 4300 Cherry Creek Drive S., Denver, CO 80246, (303) 692-2800. The proposed amendments will also be available on the Board's Web site at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/op/bh/index.html> under "Notices of Upcoming Public Rulemaking Hearings and Draft Proposed Rules."

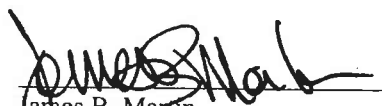
The Board encourages all interested persons to participate in the hearing by providing written data, views, or comments, or by making oral comments at the hearing. At the discretion of the Chair, oral testimony at the hearing may be limited to five minutes or less depending on the number of persons wishing to comment.

The Board requests submission of written materials at least seven days prior to the hearing date, to allow the Board sufficient time to review the comments prior to the meeting. Persons wishing to submit written comments or views should submit them to:

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The proposed revisions to be considered at the hearing, together with the proposed statement of basis and purpose, specific statutory authority and regulatory analysis will be available for inspection at the above address by any person at least five working days prior to the hearing.

Dated this 30th day of January 2009.


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Executive Director