

**Home Care Association of Colorado**  
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**About Us**

The Home Care Association of Colorado was formed in 1970 as a not-for-profit trade association to represent the interests and concerns of the state's home care industry. HCAC is affiliated with the National Association for Home Care & Hospice that represents more than 25,000 members nation-wide.

Home Care agencies in our state:

- ♦ Provide 3 million home visits per year to 65,000 individual clients;
- ♦ Employ 10,000 licensed nurses, licensed physical therapists, registered occupational therapists, speech therapists, medical social workers, certified nurse aides and personal care providers;
- ♦ Drive 25 million miles a year to provide home visits;
- ♦ Are small business (2/3 of the agencies collect under \$2 Million in annual gross revenue)
- ♦ Are organized as not-for profit, governmental or proprietary providers and are either free-standing or operated by hospitals or other facilities;
- ♦ Are reimbursed by commercial insurance, Managed Care Organizations, Medicare, Medicaid, workers comp and private pay, and
- ♦ In most cases, the home is the least expensive setting to receive health care.

HCAC's 90 members provide the following services and products in the place of residence to persons of all ages who have health-related needs:

- ♦ home health care
- ♦ hospice care
- ♦ infusion and oxygen care
- ♦ non-medical personal care
- ♦ home medical equipment
- ♦ program for all inclusive care for the elderly

Most home care agencies in Colorado are certified by Medicare and/or Medicaid and many are accredited by one of three national accrediting bodies. Home care agencies were licensed for the first time in Colorado with passage of Senate Bill 08-153. Rules to implement licensure are currently being written by the Dept. of Public Health & Environment. (CRS 25-27.5-101)  
<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hf/homecarelicensure/index.html>

HCAC's mission is to enhance the viability of home care as an integral and prominent part of health care delivery. We do so by providing:

- ♦ legislative, regulatory, reimbursement and advocacy support at state and national levels;
- ♦ public relations assistance;
- ♦ educational opportunities;
- ♦ data collection, analysis and dissemination, and
- ♦ communication/information channels.

We strive to meet our goals by:

- ♦ leading and shaping the future of health care;
- ♦ representing all sectors of the industry;
- ♦ encouraging quality health care practices;
- ♦ providing tools for members to successfully evolve, and
- ♦ enhancing care provision and outcomes throughout the circle of life.