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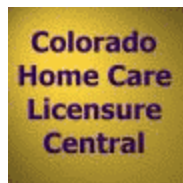
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This edition of the *HCAC Management Report* features the latest information on DORA's change of policy on licensure of social workers in the home care setting.

HCAC "Home Care Licensure Central" Website



Read the latest news on home care licensure rule making including revisions to draft (#8) PLUS the Department of Health's latest licensure fee structure. Get instructions on how to submit your important comments at HCAC's "Home Care Licensure Central." This new web page is designed to allow member access to as much information and activity as possible related to the developing home care agency licensing program. Save in your favorites!

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DORA Overturns Policy on Social Workers in Home Setting

The Dept. of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) has overturned its long-standing position that required social workers in the home setting to be licensed.

In a memo to HCAC last month, Richard Morales, director of the Health Services Section in the Division of Registrations, said a social worker who provides occasional "counseling" in the home setting would not need to be licensed, but instead would need to be listed as an unlicensed psychotherapist in the State Grievance Board database.

According to HCAC Executive Director Ellen Caruso, this new interpretation of the Social Worker Licensure law is a welcome relief to the state's home care industry. "Finding licensed social workers to work in the home care setting is very difficult. Listing oneself on the Grievance Board database is a relatively easy process compared to licensure."

[Click here](#) to read DORA's memo on this subject; [click here](#) to read the statute on unlicensed psychotherapists and to register on the data base.

Question of the Week?

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Q: In home care, how often is an LPN supervision visit in the home required? I have looked on DORA and CDPHE web sites with no success and Medicare COPs don't state a frequency.

A: (from CDPHE) This is a judgement call. The expectation is rolled into several requirements. The RN regularly re-evaluates the patient, the RN

- [Home Care Exhibition, May 7-8, 2009](#) supervises nursing services, the RN instructs and teaches, etc. LPNs operate under the license of the registered nurse on the case and they should be supervised according to agency policy and the condition of the patient that the LPN is serving.
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