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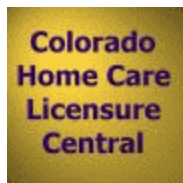
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This edition of the *HCAC Management Report* features news on Colorado Medicaid's 2009-10 reimbursement rates for home health, Private Duty Nursing and HCBS. This information is provided at this time as a service to HCAC members only.

HCAC "Home Care Licensure Central" Website



****NEW: Convention Q&A Session Transcript. Read the latest news on home care licensure regulations. This 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!**

[Click here](#) for the Member Only "Home Care Licensure Central"

Quick Links...

- [Michael McGowan on "RAC Audits: Are You Ready?" on July 23rd](#)
- [Click here for Members Only State Legislative Bulletin Board](#)

HCPF Announces Medicaid Reimbursement Rates

Spending by the state during the next fiscal year which begins on July 1st is dictated and limited by Senate Bill 09-259. Shepherded through the state legislature by the Joint Budget Committee, this year's Long Appropriations Bill ended up in a compromise vote on the last day of debate and requires a 2% cut in reimbursement for all Medicaid providers except nursing homes. Governor Bill Ritter signed the bill into law on May 1st.

Since then, HCAC members have been involved in numerous stakeholder meetings to discuss how to reach a \$7.5 Million reduction in state spending for home health, Private Duty Nursing & HCBS services.

Yesterday, (June 24th), HCAC was provided a sneak preview of the *Medicaid Bulletin* that will be distributed to the state's Medicaid home care providers on July 1.

In summary:

- *Rates for skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapies, and private duty nursing will be cut by 2%;*
- *Home health aide and HCBS rates will remain at this year's level, but \$2 Million in volume reduction or efficiencies must be realized during the next 12 months.*

[Click here to visit HCAC's member only Legislative Bulletin Board featuring links to information on rates that will go into effect on](#)

- ["The Survey Process A to Z: How to Ace Your Surveys"](#)
- [HelpUsChooseHome](#)
- [2009 HCAC Annual Convention & Home Care Exhibition Photo Wrap Up](#)
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July 1st.

HCAC Is Approved Provider of Education by CDPHE!

HCAC has been approved by the Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment as an approved provider of continuing education to meet the new home care licensure requirements including:

Home Care Manager Certificate Program (HCMCP) Beginning in June! Then offered year-round in cooperation with the California Association for Health Services at Home. **[Click here for complete listing of HCAC's 2009 education offerings!](#)**

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