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# Home Care Association of Colorado Management Report

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## Your Dues Working For You: HCAC Opposes Proposed Home Care Licensure Rules

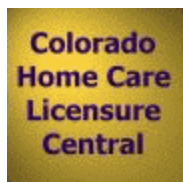
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**This edition of the *HCAC Management Report* features an update on two issues vital to your agency's future: HCAC's opposition to the latest Colorado home care licensure rules and HCPF's proposed new Dual Eligible billing process.**

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### HCAC "Home Care Licensure Central" Website

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**Read HCAC's 229 comments to the latest draft licensure rules 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!**

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

### HCAC members are urged to read and comment on the Dept. of Health's proposed home care licensure rules.

**First**, HCAC members should [click here](#) to review the proposed rules that are posted on HCAC's member-only licensure web page (see left column) and read HCAC's 229 comments as well as remarks by HCAC's representatives on the licensure advisory committee.

**Second**, members are urged to send their comments to:  
 Mr. Howard Roitman, JD  
 Director, Division of Health Facilities  
 Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment  
 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South  
 Denver, CO 80246-1530  
 with cc: to HCAC

or e-mail to  
[Hroitman@smtpgate.dphe.state.co.us](mailto:Hroitman@smtpgate.dphe.state.co.us)  
 with cc: to [ecaruso@assnoffice.com](mailto:ecaruso@assnoffice.com)  
 and your elected state representative and senator.

## Quick Links...

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- [HCAR Article on Colorado Healthcare Summit](#)
- [Mark the Date: HCAC Annual Convention & Home Care Exhibition, May 7-8, 2009](#)

[Click here](#) to find your 9-digit zip code; then [Click here](#) to identify your state representative and state senator; then Visit your elected official's web site to obtain contact information.

*Ed. Note: Some information has not been updated since the November 4th election. You may need to contact your county clerk & recorder's office for current information.*

- [OASIS Coding Workshop: Mach 31 - April 2, 2009](#)
- [Cahaba Resources](#)
- [Read all about HCAC's 2008 Annual Convention in Vail](#)
- [Visit Our Brand New 24/7 Virtual Trade Show](#)
- [Check Out HCAC's Jobs and Services Store](#)
- [Click here for Members Only State Legislative Bulletin Board](#)

**Third**, please attend the November 21st meeting of the home care licensure advisory committee to show your support of HCAC's representatives as they present the association's ideas for alternative rules which adhere to the legislative intent and industry agreements in the passage of SB 08-153. (Our apologies for the late notice, but this meeting was cancelled by the Department of Health and then re-scheduled on Tuesday, November 18th.)

Home Care Licensure Advisory Committee Meeting:  
 Friday, November 21, 2008  
 9 a.m. (plan to arrive no later than at 8:50 a.m. in order to have access to meeting room)  
 Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment  
 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South  
 Denver, Colorado 80246-1530

No phone number or dialing information for this meeting has been received at publication time. [Click here](#) for HCAC's "Home Care Licensure Central" for dialing information as it is received from the Dept. of Health.

## Want to Get Paid for Your Dual Eligibles?

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**Can your agency afford to wait an estimated 180 days to be paid for your dual eligible clients?**

**Do you have the resources to prepare and submit a demand bill on each dual eligible client every 60 days?**

If you answered NO to one or both of the above questions, it is imperative that you tell HCPF how its new procedure will impact your agency and make it difficult for dual eligible clients to access your services!

Send an e-mail to:  
 Sandeep.Wadhwa@state.co.us  
 with cc: to ecaruso@assnoffice.com

followed by a hard copy letter to:  
 Sandeep Wadhwa, MD  
 Director of Medicaid and Chief Medical Officer  
 Colorado Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing  
 1570 Grant Street  
 Denver, CO 80203-1818  
 with cc: to HCAC

According to HCAC Executive Director Ellen Caruso, the association has been working since last

November on this issue including numerous meetings with HCPF officials, testifying before the Board of Medical Services, and participating in phone conferences with CMS and Cahaba,

**HCAC has asked HCPF to:**

- **Review and overturn the department's new policy that will require agencies to submit a "demand bill" every 60 days to Medicare for each dual eligible even when the client is clearly not eligible for the home health benefit, such as not being home bound.**
- **If the new policy is re-affirmed, to make this new policy effective at the time of the decision, not retroactive to November 2007.**
- **Investigate adding "not homebound" to the list of three exceptions to the new policy (Home Health aide only; OT only, and med fills). These exceptions can be billed by the simpler and quicker "no payment" procedure.**
- **Research how many home health dual eligibles there are in Colorado.**

[Click here](#) to read comments from your home care colleagues!

Time is of the essence! This decision is being reviewed this week.

## HCAC Members Urged to Complete Industry Survey

**Watch next week for a preliminary report on results of HCAC's 2008 Client Services & Economic Impact Survey.**

**And in the meantime, please complete and submit your agency's survey!**

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