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# Home Care Association of Colorado Management Report

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## Your Dues Working For You: Industry Surveys Requested!

**This edition of the *HCAC Management Report* features a call for Industry Survey responses.**

## **HCAC Members Urged to Complete the 2008 Client Services & Economic Impact Survey**

The 2008 HCAC "Survey of Client Services and Economic Impact" has been mailed to members and additional responses are needed in order for reliable estimates about the industry to be made. To date, 20 locations have reported a total of 418,786 visits and 609,797 hours of service; 695 full-time and 1,230 part-time employees, and at least 14,177 clients.

Information obtained through this survey will be used extensively for legislative and regulatory lobbying purposes. Of immediate use in the evolving state licensing program are data on non-governmental certifications and accreditations held by agencies.

Our last survey projected a total of 3,000,000 visits in Colorado, which was viewed by the state legislature as a formidable number of visits and citizens being served. Our projections were obviously on target, as the National Association for Home Care & Hospice made its own projection and came up with 3,007,000 visits in Colorado.

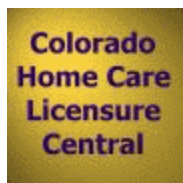
It is believed that home care has grown significantly since the last impact survey and the mix of clients and payors has changed.

**Make sure your agency is included in this important industry data-gathering survey. In return, you will receive the valuable results in a bound report.**

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## **HCAC "Home Care Licensure Central" Website**

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**Read the latest news on home care licensure rule making including draft #6 released on Dec. 4th, HCAC's position on draft #5, and get instructions on how to submit your 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!**

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

## Quick Links...

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- [HCAR Article on Colorado Healthcare Summit](#)

## HCPF Seeks Dual Eligible Questions / Comments

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- [Mark the Date: HCAC Annual Convention & Home Care Exhibition, May 7-8, 2009](#)
- [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](#)

**Colorado's Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) has notified home care providers that "Since the December bulletin was distributed addressing the Dual Eligible client, there seems to be additional questions that are being asked by several providers."**

According to Program Administrator Liz Svedek, the department will gather questions and have a discussion with the department's Program Integrity section and may involve CMS to obtain answers to the questions.

Svedek asked agencies to submit questions about Colorado's new Dual Eligible billing process by December 12. When all queries have been received and reviewed by the department, the answers will be sent to home health agencies, Svedek said.

Submit questions and comments to:  
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## **Apply for Access to Dept. of Health's Web Portal**

**Colorado's Dept. of Public Health & Environment (DPHE) has invited providers to apply for access to the department's web portal.**

In a letter to providers, Health Facilities Division Director Howard Roitman said the department is consolidating web applications and expanding its "E- Business." Beginning on January 1, 2009, a single-point login will be required for access to the following applications:

- Electronic plans of correction (for surveys on or after January 1, 2009);
- Official communications from the state concerning home health agency licensing;
- Home health agency licensing as of June 1, 2009;
- Occurrence reporting after licensing, and
- Ongoing official communications from the state.

If you received this letter, please complete the attestation form as soon as possible. If you have

not received this notification, please contact:

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