



Health Facilities & Emergency Medical Services Division

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COLORADO
Health Facilities & Emergency
Medical Services Division
Department of Public Health & Environment



Our Mission

Protect the health, safety and welfare of all health care system users

Ensure access to quality health care for all Coloradans



HFEMSD's Philosophy of Regulation

Reliable to all stakeholders, citizens and visitors

Efficient, effective and elegant in all service interactions

Accountable, transparent and collaborative interactions

Compliant through balanced sanctions and fair practices

Helpful whenever possible



Nursing Facilities

- 225 Currently licensed nursing facilities
- 3 Closures - Prospect Park, Estes Park, Yuma Life Care, Yuma, Bonell Good Samaritan Home, Greeley
- 128 Recertification surveys were conducted 1/21 - 12/21
- 589 federal complaint investigations completed 1/21 - 12/21
- 65 state complaint investigations completed 1/21 - 12/21



Nursing Facilities

Federal Updates

- CMS is requiring 20% of all nursing homes receive a stand alone infection control survey between October 2021 and the end of September 2022.
- CMS has identified these areas for special consideration during survey: Behavioral Health, Immunizations, Language and Communication and an optional area identified on survey



Initial Inspections

State Fiscal Year 19-20: 120

State Fiscal Year 20-21: 123

Re-Licensure Inspections

State Fiscal Year 19-20: 341

State Fiscal Year 20-21: 254

Licensure Infection Control Inspections

State Fiscal Year 20-21: 470

Occurrences Investigations

State Fiscal Year 19-20: 5,389

State Fiscal Year 20-21: 4,330

Complaint Intakes

State Fiscal Year 19-20: 1,610

State Fiscal Year 20-21: 1,841



Health Facility Enforcement

(4/1/2021 - 3/28/2022)

- Initial fitness reviews - 150
- Change of Ownership Fitness Reviews - 158
- Cease and desist letters for facilities operating without a license - 0
- Intermediate conditions including fines and/or requirements to retain a consultant - 221
- License Summary Suspensions/Revocations - 1
- Conditional Licenses Issued - 7
- License Denials/Invalid License Notices - 38
- Appeals of Nursing Home Discharges Handled by Department - 1
- Matters referred to the Office of Administrative Court - 16



Recent Projects

Home & Community Facilities

- New Branch Chief Dr. Steve Cox, RN following Cheryl McMahon's retirement
- New Home Care/Hospice Section Manager- Erica McClurg RN
- Assisted Living Facilities developing a new technical guidance website
- A new offsite Quality Management Program survey has begun for Assisted Living facilities

Education & Quality

- Marshall Fire Response
- New Health Facility Provider Training Course Catalog
- New Training Section Manager - Noah Begley



Recent Projects (cont.)

Behavioral Health & Community Services Branch

- Behavioral Health Entity project update:
 - Phase 1 regulations effective June 14, 2021
 - Transition year started July 1, 2021 for current BH providers obligated to move into the new BHE regulations
 - All providers must move into the new BHE licensing chapter by July 1, 2023
 - 11 BHE's have successfully completed the required transition to date
 - Created the BHE website with provider resources, toolkits and FAQs
- Ch. 8 Group Home and ICF regulations:
 - Robust stakeholder process completed
 - New regulations in effect as of January 14, 2022
 - Had been nearly 10 years since comprehensively being updated



Recent Projects (cont.)

Behavioral Health & Community Services Branch (cont.)

- Secure Transportation stakeholder process:
 - Facilitated a robust and involved stakeholder process since late summer 2021
 - Rulemaking resulting from the passage of HB-21-1085
 - Establishes the minimum standards required for the provision of secure transportation services for persons in behavioral health crisis
 - In the final stages of the stakeholder process
 - Must be adopted by June 2022
 - Counties must then establish a licensing & permitting process by Jan. 2023



Recent Projects (cont.)

Emergency Medical & Trauma Services

- Rules implemented in January 2021 allow EMS Providers, under physician medical direction, to practice within their full scope in clinical settings
- EMS personnel with a bachelor degree in health sciences are now eligible to be licensed in Colorado
- Aligned with changes implemented by ACS, hybrid (remote/on-site) trauma designation reviews successfully implemented



Some Leadership Changes!

- Retirement of Randy Kuykendall
- Elaine McManis
 - Serving as Interim Division Director
- Kara Johnson-Hufford
 - Serving as Interim Deputy Division Director
- Currently recruiting for full-time permanent Division Director

*The Health Facilities and
EMS Division wishes to
thank all of Colorado's
health facility providers
for their cooperation and
dedication to the care of
Colorado citizens!!*





Questions?

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