



# Health Facilities & Emergency Medical Services Division

Colorado Medical Directors Association  
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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

**R**eliable to all stakeholders, citizens and visitors

**E**fficient, effective and elegant in all service interactions

**A**ccountable, transparent and collaborative interactions

**C**ompliant through balanced sanctions and fair practices

**H**elpful whenever possible



# Nursing Facilities

- 222 Currently licensed nursing facilities
- 3 Closures - Parkmoor Village HealthCare Center, Colorado Springs, Good Samaritan Society - Bonell Community, Greeley & Cripple Creek Care Center, Cripple Creek
- 129 Recertification surveys were conducted 1/1/22 - 12/31/22
- 350 federal complaint investigations completed 1/1/22 - 12/31/22
- 39 state complaint investigations completed 1/1/22 - 12/31/22

# Nursing Facilities

## Federal Updates

- CMS is requiring 20% of all nursing homes receive a stand alone/complaint infection control survey be conducted 10/22-9/23.
- 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 20-21: 123

State Fiscal Year 21-22: 133

# Re-Licensure Inspections

State Fiscal Year 20-21: 254

State Fiscal Year 21-22: 361

# Licensure Infection Control Inspections

State Fiscal Year 21-22: 7

# Occurrences Investigations

State Fiscal Year 20-21: 4,330

State Fiscal Year 21-22: 5,505

# Complaint Intakes

State Fiscal Year 20-21: 1,841

State Fiscal Year 21-22: 1,822



# Health Facility Enforcement

(7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)

- Initial fitness reviews - 153
- Change of Ownership Fitness Reviews - 154
- Cease and desist letters for facilities operating without a license - 3
- Intermediate conditions including fines and/or requirements to retain a consultant - 230
- License Summary Suspensions/Revocations - 5
- Conditional Licenses Issued - 7
- License Denials/Invalid License Notices - 47
- Appeals of Nursing Home Discharges Handled by Department - 1
- Matters referred to the Office of Administrative Court - 21



# Recent Projects

## Home & Community Facilities

- Currently have 4 openings in Home Care/Hospice program; 3 RN's, 1 Generalist
- Home Care program is training 2 new RN surveyors
- Assisted Living Residences program is currently hiring. There are 9 open positions for Health Professional III positions.
- Both programs are in the process of developing internal Train the Trainer programs to build on our vigorous training curriculum.
- Stakeholder meetings for regulation updates for the ALR Safety bill and the Dementia training and Visitation bills that were passed last year.





# Recent Projects (cont.)

## Behavioral Health & Community Services Branch

- Behavioral Health Entity project update:
  - Phase 1 regulations were effective June 14, 2021
  - Transition year started July 1, 2021 for current BH providers obligated to move into the new BHE regulations
  - All providers moved into the new BHE licensing chapter by July 1, 2022
  - All BHE's have successfully completed the required transition to date
  - The Division created the [BHE website](#) with provider resources, toolkits and FAQs
  - Due to HB22-1278, BHE's will transition from CDPHE to the BHA for oversight beginning July 1, 2023 at the time of their licensure renewal date
- Secure Transportation Services update:
  - Pleased to [share a new toolkit, "Secure Transportation Program Implementation for Counties,"](#) developed to provide counties and commissioners with the information needed to develop and implement a secure transportation licensing and permitting program.
  - The State Board of Health adopted [rules](#) in June 2022, establishing the minimum requirements for licensing and operating secure transportation services, and gives counties the authority to license secure transportation services (starting January 2023), issue permits for secure transportation service vehicles, and enforce the promulgated regulations.



# Recent Projects (cont.)

## Emergency Medical & Trauma Services

- 2022 Legislation
  - Transitioning Ground Ambulance licensing from counties to the state, effective July 1, 2024
  - Established a 5-year taskforce to evaluate the sustainability of Colorado's EMS system
  - Created the Office of Cardiac Arrest to monitor and analyze data from sudden cardiac arrests statewide
- Hybrid (remote/on-site) trauma designation reviews continue



# Some Leadership Changes!

- Elaine McManis
  - Division Director (appointed Spring '22)
- Newly appointed Deputy Division Directors (April 1, 2023)
  - Kara Johnson-Hufford
  - Peter Myers
- Dr. Jeff Beckman, HFEMSD Medical 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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