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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULE-MAKING HEARING BEFORE THE COLORADO BOARD OF HEALTH

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 24-4-103, C.R.S., that the Colorado Board of Health will conduct a public rule-making hearing on February 15, 2012 in the Sabin-Cleere Conference Room of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Bldg. A, First Floor, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive, South, Denver, CO 80246, to consider the promulgation of amendments to Standards for Hospitals and Health Facilities, 6CCR 1011-1, Chapter II, General Licensure Standards. The Board meeting commences in the morning. For the specific time this hearing is scheduled, please consult the meeting agenda on the Board's Web site at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/op/bh/index.html> on or after Friday, February 3, 2012, or call (303) 692-3464.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments on the addition of a new Part 10 concerning influenza immunization of healthcare workers. The proposed rules, in part, require licensed acute care or long-term nursing care facilities to ensure their healthcare personnel are vaccinated annually against influenza or wear a mask during flu season. These same facilities must have a procedure to maintain documentation and submit yearly reports regarding the vaccination or medical exemption of its employees and volunteers. All other licensed healthcare entities must perform an assessment of their healthcare workers and clientele, adopt a policy regarding the vaccination or masking of their employees, and report their employee vaccination rate to the Department on an annual basis.

The proposed rules have been developed by the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Service Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment pursuant to Sections 25-1.5-103, 25-3-101, 25-27-101, *et seq.* and 25-27.5-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division (HFEMS-A2), 4300 Cherry Creek Drive S., Denver, CO 80246, (303) 692-2800. The proposed amendments will also be available on the Board's Web site at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/op/bh/index.html> under "Notices of Upcoming Public Rulemaking Hearings and Draft Proposed Rules."


The Board encourages all interested persons to participate in the hearing by providing written data, views, or comments, or by making oral comments at the hearing. At the discretion of the Chair, oral testimony at the hearing may be limited to five minutes or less depending on the number of persons wishing to comment.

**The Board requests submission of written materials no later than February 1, 2012 to allow the Board sufficient time to review the comments prior to the meeting.** Persons wishing to submit written comments or views should submit them to:

Colorado Board of Health  
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The proposed revisions to be considered at the hearing, together with the proposed statement of basis and purpose, specific statutory authority and regulatory analysis will be available for inspection at the above address by any person at least five working days prior to the hearing.

Dated this 22 day of January 2012.

  
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