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Colorado Department
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To: Administrators/Managers of Health Facilities and Agencies
From: Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division
Date: February 1, 2012

Re: Chapter II, General Licensure Standards, Part 10 Concerning Annual Influenza Vaccination of Healthcare Workers

In response to recent comments, the Department has made some additional revisions to the proposed rule.

1. In the definitions section, the Department has removed volunteers from the definition of healthcare worker and clarified that the definition of employee does not include volunteers.
2. In section 10.6 regarding the exemption for healthcare entities meeting vaccination targets, the Department has replaced the word "healthcare workers" with "employees." Therefore, facilities that are able to vaccinate and document the targeted percentage of their employees may take advantage of this exemption.
3. In sections 10.7 through 10.12, the Department has removed all references to volunteers so that facilities are required to track and report the vaccination rates for their employees only.

The public hearing on this rule has been rescheduled for **February 15, 2012**. The exact time of the hearing has not yet been determined, but the agenda for the meeting will be available at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/op/bh/index.html> approximately 10 days before the hearing. All Board of Health hearings are open to the public and individuals may participate in the rule-making process by providing written comments to the Board ten days before the hearing or by making oral comments during the hearing.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed rule, please submit them by mail, e-mail or fax **to the attention of Laurie Schoder**, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division, HFEMS-A2, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive S., Denver, CO 80246; or laurie.schoder@state.co.us; or 303-753-6214. Thank you.