

**State Board of Health Monthly Report  
January 17, 2007 Meeting**

**A. Rulemaking:**

The State Board of Health held nine rulemaking hearings at its January 17, 2007 meeting and adopted the following rules and regulations:

- **Amendments to Rules Pertaining to the Infant Immunization Program and the Immunization of Students Attending School.** These amendments update the rules to reflect the current national recommendations for the routine childhood and adolescent vaccinations. In addition, the amendments include changes to assure that the rules are consistent with the federal guidelines regarding the maximum allowable vaccine administration fee; and various clarifications to provide additional guidance for individuals implementing the rules in childcare and school settings.
- **Amendments to the Colorado Grade A Pasteurized Fluid Milk and Milk Products Regulations.** These amendments incorporate by reference the 2005 revision of the U.S. Public Health Service/Food and Drug Administration Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance. Incorporating by reference the changes that have occurred since the regulations were last updated in 2003 will ensure that Colorado's milk sanitation program is in conformance with the latest national standards, thereby permitting Colorado milk and milk products to move freely in interstate commerce.
- **Rules for the Colorado HIV and AIDS Prevention Grant Program** (permanent rules to replace emergency rules adopted in November 2006). These rules implement the Colorado HIV and AIDS Prevention Grant Program created by House Bill 06-1054 to address local community needs in the areas of medically accurate HIV and AIDS prevention and education through a competitive grant process.
- **Standards for Hospitals and Health Facilities (6 CCR 1011-1) – new Chapter VI, Acute Treatment Units** (permanent rules to replace emergency rules adopted in November 1006). These rules facilitate the implementation of House Bill 06-1277, which authorizes the creation of a new licensure category, acute treatment units, that will provide short-term psychiatric care to persons with mental illness. These new facility types are designed to reduce the chronic shortage of inpatient psychiatric beds throughout the state. The facilities will be regulated jointly by the Department of Public Health and Environment, Health Facilities Division, and the Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health.
- **Amendments to Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Radiation Control.** The Board adopted revisions to the following five parts of the Radiation Control Regulations for consistency with the *Suggested State Regulations for the Control of Radiation* (SSRCR) and compatibility with regulations adopted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).
  - a. Part 1, General Provisions
  - b. Part 8, Radiation Safety Requirements for Analytical X-ray Equipment
  - c. Part 9, Radiation Safety Requirements for Particle Accelerators Not Used in the Healing Arts
  - d. Part 16, Radiation Safety Requirements for Wireline Service Operations and Subsurface Tracer Studies

e. Part 19, Licenses and Radiation Safety Requirements for Irradiators

**B. Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant State Plan:**

In its capacity as the state's Preventive Block Grant Advisory Committee, the Board held a public hearing on Colorado's Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant proposed plan for FY 2006-2007 and approved the plan as presented. Colorado's FY 2006-2007 allotment is estimated to be \$1.220 million, but given the uncertainties of the federal budgeting process, the department presented a cautious proposal to initially allocate \$1.16 million for funding projects with the FY 2006-2007 Block Grant funds. If Colorado is fully funded at the level of \$1.220 million, then the department will award the balance of the funds to certain projects identified in the State Plan.