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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 June 18, 2014, at 10 a.m. 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 6 CCR 1011-1, Chapter IV, General Hospitals; Chapter IX, Community Clinics and Community Clinics and Emergency Centers; Chapter X, Rehabilitation Centers; Chapter XV, Dialysis Treatment Clinics; Chapter XVIII, Psychiatric Hospitals; Chapter XX, Ambulatory Surgical Centers; Chapter XXI, Hospices; and Chapter XXVI, Home Care Agencies. The proposed amendments have been developed by the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment pursuant to Sections 25-1.5-103, 25-3-101, 25-3-102.1(1) and (2), and 25-27.5-104, C.R.S. The proposed amendments implement House Bill 12-1294 by recognizing facilities that are currently accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as satisfying the requirements for renewal of a health facility license and providing a license fee reduction for qualifying hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, hospices and home care agencies. The proposed amendments also reduce the initial and renewal license fees for community clinics and community clinics and emergency centers and dialysis treatment clinics in recognition of the fact that the Division no longer performs the life safety code functions that were included in those fees.

The agenda for the meeting and the proposed amendments will also be available on the Board's website, <http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/BoardOfHealth>, at least 7 days prior to the meeting. The proposed rules, together with the proposed statement of basis and purpose, specific statutory authority and regulatory analysis will be available for inspection at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South EDO-A5, Denver, Colorado 80246-1530 at least five working days prior to the hearing. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Service Division HFEMS-A2, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive S., Denver, CO 80246, (303) 692-2836.

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 three minutes or less depending on the number of persons wishing to comment. Pursuant to 6 CCR 1014-8, §3.02.1, written testimony must be submitted no later than five (5) calendar days prior to the rulemaking hearing. Persons wishing to submit written comments should submit them to: Colorado Board of Health, ATTN: Jamie L. Thornton, Program Assistant, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South EDO-A5, Denver, Colorado 80246-1530 or by e-mail at: jamie.thornton@state.co.us

Dated this 5th day of May, 2014.

Deborah Nelson
Board of Health Administrator