

PERMANENT RULE ADOPTION ORDER

Office of Massage Therapy Licensure

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The attached permanent rules are promulgated to implement Colorado House Bill 22-1284 (Concerning updates to state surprise billing laws to facilitate the implementation of surprise billing protections, and, in connection therewith, aligning state law with the federal "No Surprises Act"); and effectuate the directives of Executive Order D 2022 032 (Directing State Agencies to Protect Access to Reproductive HealthCare in Colorado), and Executive Order D 2022 034 (Protecting Colorado's Workforce and Expanding Licensing Opportunities).

The basis for these rules are to carry out the provisions of Colorado House Bill 22-1284 at section 12-30-112(3); Executive Orders D 2022-032 and D 2022-034; and the Massage Therapy Practice Act at section 12-235-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S.

The specific statutory authorities that authorize this rulemaking are pursuant to sections 12-20-204(1), 12-30-112(3), 12-235-118, and 24-4-103, C.R.S. The adoption of these permanent rules is imperatively necessary to comply with the requirements of state law and the Governor's Executive Orders. Therefore, I hereby adopt these permanent rules as printed and amended, and incorporate by reference the statements of basis, purpose, and statutory authority, pursuant to section 24-4-103(4)(c), C.R.S.

Dated this 7^{th} day of October 2022, to be effective November 30, 2022.

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