

Adopted

**STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE  
AND SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR**

Rules Pertaining to the Standards for Hospitals and Health Facilities  
6 CCR 1011-1

Chapter II, General Licensure Standards with conforming amendments to Chapter VII, Assisted Living Residences and Chapter XXVI, Home Care Agencies.  
Adopted by the Board of Health on August 17, 2011

**Basis and Purpose:**

As the title indicates, Chapter II contains information and requirements that pertain to all licensed health facilities. Conforming changes have also been made to Chapters VII and XXVI.

In order to better reflect the changing face of health care and the anticipated expansion of health care delivery systems under the Affordable Care Act, the Department is modifying the criteria regarding licensed health care entity names by deleting the requirement that an entity's name identify the services for which it is licensed. The Department is also lowering the license fee for processing an entity's request to change its name or address, in part because of a reduction in the administrative burden for processing such requests. These changes have been discussed with a consortium of licensed health care entities which supports the proposal.

**These rules are promulgated pursuant to the following statutes:**

Section 25-1.5-103, C.R.S. (2011).  
Section 25-3-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S. (2011).  
Section 25-27-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S. (2011).  
Section 25-27.5-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S.(2011).

**Major Factual and Policy Issues Encountered:**

The major factual and policy issues encountered were two-fold. First, whether to retain language that health care entity name not confuse or mislead the public. Second, the amount of the license fee reduction for changing a name or address.

**Alternative rules considered:**

In developing these rules, the Department considered different possibilities to meet its statutory requirements, needs of various stakeholders, and its responsibilities for public health and safety. Since this alternative was deemed acceptable by stakeholders, no other alternatives were deemed appropriate.