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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 **January 20, 2010** 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 Standards for Hospitals and Health Facilities, 6 CCR 1011-1, Chapter IV – General Hospitals, and conforming changes to Chapter X – Rehabilitation Centers, Chapter XI – Convalescent Centers, Chapter XII – Chiropractic Centers and Hospitals, Chapter XIV – Maternity Hospitals, and Chapter XIX – Hospital Units.** The Board meeting commences in the morning. For the specific time this hearing is scheduled, please consult the meeting agenda on the Board's Web site at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/op/bh/index.html> on or after Friday, January 8, 2010 or call (303) 692-3464.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments on proposed rules pertaining to the oversight of general hospitals. Specifically, the proposed amendments update standards for the following services: general patient care, pharmaceutical, dietary, and rehabilitation. The amendments also conform some of the licensure requirements with the requirements established under the federal Medicare/Medicaid conditions of participation; makes changes to the provisions concerning the governing board, nursing, personnel, and medical records; and makes technical changes for clarity, including renumbering. To the extent that Chapter X – Rehabilitation Centers, Chapter XI – Convalescent Centers, Chapter XII – Chiropractic Centers and Hospitals, Chapter XIV – Maternity Hospitals, and Chapter XIX – Hospital Units refer to Chapter IV, these chapters are also amended and renumbered.

The proposed rules incorporate by reference the following materials: The American Institute of Architects, *Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities* (2006 edition). Such incorporation does not include later amendments to or editions of the referenced material. The incorporated material will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The Division shall maintain certified copies of the complete text of the incorporated material, which shall be available for public inspection during regular business hours, and shall provide certified copies of non-copyrighted incorporated materials at cost upon request. In addition, these materials have been submitted to the state publications depository and distribution center and are available for interlibrary loans. The incorporated material may be examined at any state publications depository library.

The proposed rules have been developed by the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment pursuant to Section 25-1.5-103, C.R.S.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division (HFD-A2), 4300 Cherry Creek Drive S., Denver, CO 80246, (303) 692-2800. The proposed amendments will also be available on the Board's Web site at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/op/bh/index.html> under "Notices of Upcoming Public Rulemaking Hearings and Draft Proposed Rules."

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 five minutes or less depending on the number of persons wishing to comment.

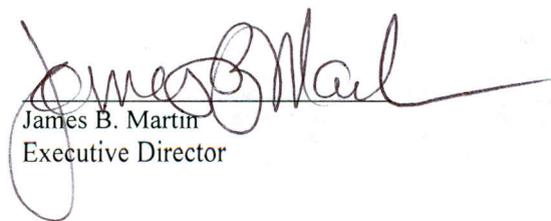
The Board requests submission of written materials at least seven days prior to the hearing date, to allow the Board sufficient time to review the comments prior to the meeting. Persons wishing to submit written comments or views should submit them to:

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The proposed revisions to be considered at the hearing, together with the proposed statement of basis and purpose, specific statutory authority and regulatory analysis will be available for inspection at the above address by any person at least five working days prior to the hearing.

Dated this 30th day of October 2009.



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