

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

Amendment to Rules Pertaining to the Standards for Hospitals and Health Facilities
6 CCR 1011-1
Chapter VIII, Facilities for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
December 3, 2010

Basis and Purpose:

The amendment is a complete rewrite of the current language which was extremely outdated. The amendments are both substantive and technical. In addition to deleting numerous outdated provisions, the proposed amendment reflects current practice standards and reformats the Chapter for easier use.

These rules are promulgated pursuant to the following statutes:

Section 25-1.5-103, C.R.S. (2010).

Section 25-3-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S. (2010).

Section 27-10.5-109, C.R.S. (2010).

Major Factual and Policy Issues Encountered:

There were two major policy issues concerning this amendment: First, to rewrite the current rule to address current practices and circumstances that arise in facilities for persons with developmental disabilities. Second, to delete duplicative sections of the rule, update references and reformat the Chapter for clarity and ease of use.

Alternative rules considered:

In developing these rules, the Department considered several different possibilities to meet its statutory requirements, needs of various stakeholders, and its responsibilities for public health and safety. No other alternatives were deemed appropriate.