



## About the Nurse Aide Advisory Committee

**Section 12-38.1-110 of the [Colorado Nurse Aide Practice Act](#) creates the Nurse Aide Advisory Committee.**

The Colorado Nurse Aide Practice Act, based on federal law, is comprehensive and tailored after the [Colorado Nurse Practice Act](#) and includes nurse aide education and certification requirements, grounds for discipline against a nurse aide certificate, sanctions, and procedures for hearings.

The purpose of the Nurse Aide Advisory Committee (NAAC) is for the protection of the consumers of nurse aide care in the long term care and home health settings. Since the beginning of Colorado's statutory regulation of certified nurse aides, beginning in July of 1989, the State Legislature has granted the Board of Nursing (the Board) the authority to form an Advisory Committee to assist the Board in the certification and enforcement of nurse aides.

The NAAC is comprised of seven members: a certified nurse aide, a licensed professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse who supervises certified nurse aides, a member who represents a home health agency, a member who represents a nursing facility, a member (employee) who represents the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and two members who represent the public.

The Board granted authority to the NAAC to determine eligibility for nurse aide certification when an applicant discloses a history of criminal convictions, drug and/or alcohol problems, mental and/or physical disabilities, previous denial/revocation of a nurse aide certificate in Colorado or in another US state or territory, and other certification related issues. The NAAC reviews these applications on a case by case basis. The Board also granted the NAAC the authority to review and investigate the complaints received against CNAs in Colorado and determine the appropriate level of discipline or sanctions against nurse aide certificates on a case by case basis.

For more information on the complaint process or how to file a complaint against a nurse aide please see the [File A Complaint](#) section of the Board of Nursing web site.

The NAAC meets monthly to review applications and complaints. Portions of the meeting relating to applications for nurse aide certification are open to the public. For a full calendar of meetings and to obtain the agenda for the next meeting of the NAAC, go to the [Public Notices](#) section of the Board of Nursing web site.

For information on how to apply to be on the Nurse Aide Advisory Committee please refer to the Committee Application located [here](#).

Questions regarding the Nurse Aide Advisory Committee may be directed to [Nursing@dora.state.co.us](mailto:Nursing@dora.state.co.us)



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