



NEWS RELEASE – Notice of Public Meeting – Denver

ATTENTION:	Addiction Counselors	Physicians
	Advanced Practice Nurses	Podiatrists
	Certified Public Accountants	Skolnik Transparency Act
	Electricians	Social Workers
	Licensed Professional Counselors	Surgical Assistants and
	Marriage & Family Therapists	Surgical Technologists

DORA’s Division of Registrations Hosting Public Information Session

New legislation is impacting a number of professions across the state with changes in licensing and registration requirements, responsibilities and deadlines. Affected professions include addiction counselors, advanced practice nurses, certified public accountants, electricians, licensed professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, physicians, podiatrists, social workers, surgical technicians and professions impacted by the Skolnik Transparency Act. The Division of Registrations, part of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, is hosting important informational sessions to address these changes.

When: Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Morning Session: 8:30 a.m.

Mental Health Professions
--Addiction Counselors
--Licensed Professional Counselors
--Marriage & Family Therapists
--Social Workers
Podiatrists
Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists

Second Session: 11:00 a.m.

Advanced Practice Nurses
Electricians
Physicians

Additional Printed Material Available regarding new legislation:
Skolnik Transparency Act, Certified Public Accountants, Pharmacies, Plumbing for Fire Suppression Systems, Architects Continuing Education, Endorsement and Efficiency

Location: Department of Regulatory Agencies, 1st Floor Conference Rooms
1560 Broadway, Denver, Colorado

Register for these sessions and our upcoming Ft. Collins session at this link:
<http://www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/outreach.html>

Representatives from these professions and any other interested parties are strongly encouraged to attend the informational meeting to learn about new registration and licensing rules, educational requirements and important deadlines and/or to gather the printed materials.

The meeting will open with a brief overview of the division's role in licensing and regulating more than 47 professions, occupations and entities, tools and resources available for professionals, and the DORA mission of consumer protection through promotion of a fair and competitive business environment.

Participants may then attend break-out sessions specific to each profession so division staff can answer questions, distribute support materials and provide guidance on what is now required to do business in good standing in Colorado.

Questions may be submitted to Division staff at reglegislativeoutreach@dora.state.co.us.

Specific impacts include:

- **Advanced Practice Nurses** – new legislation resulted in changes to the Nurse Practice Act, including requiring renewal for Advanced Practice and Prescriptive Authorities in addition to each licensee renewing an RN license.
- **Certified Public Accountants** –new legislation from the 2010 Sunset Review broadened experience requirements, increased education requirements, requires peer review and specifies reciprocity requirements.
- **Electricians** -- licensed to practice in Colorado must meet new continuing competency requirements designed to ensure continuing professional development in order to renew, reinstate or reactive their license (effective January 1, 2011); will have changes to the renewal cycle; apprentices registered on or after January 1, 2011 seeking a journeyman license must complete 288 hours in addition to existing criteria.
- **Health Care Professionals – Skolnik Transparency Act** – requires additional healthcare professionals to meet new public profile disclosure requirements relating to licenses, affiliations, business ownership interests, disciplinary actions and other information, effective July 1, 2011.
- **Mental Health Professions** – Addiction counselors, licensed professional counselors, marriage and family therapists and social workers licensed or certified to practice in Colorado must meet new continuing competency requirements designed to ensure continuing professional development in order to renew, reinstate or reactivate their license after January 1, 2011.
- **Podiatrists** -- must understand the changes made during the 2010 legislative session by HB10-1224 which continued the Colorado Podiatry Act and updated the scope of practice, liability insurance requirements, and other requirements.
- **Physicians** must understand the changes made during the 2010 legislative session by HB-10-1260 which continued the Medical Board and made changes to the Medical Practice Act.
- **Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists** – beginning April 1, 2010, Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists must register with the Division of Registrations.

Any interested party may provide input, ask questions or contact the Division of Registrations directly via email: reglegislativeoutreach@dora.state.co.us.

Please see www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/ for details and updates as well as for information on additional upcoming sessions

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