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**NEWS RELEASE – Notice of Public Meeting – Grand Junction**

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**ATTENTION:**      **Athletic Trainers**                      **Chiropractors**  
                         **Electricians**                                      **Funeral Homes & Crematories**  
                         **Nurse Aides**                                      **Advanced Practice Nurses**

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**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 athletic trainers, chiropractors, electricians, funeral homes & crematories, nurse aides and advanced practice nurses, especially those who have or are seeking prescriptive authority. The Division of Registrations, part of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, is hosting important informational sessions to address these changes.

**When: Monday, September 28, 2009**

<b>Early Session: 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Second Session: 11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Chiropractors</b>	<b>Athletic Trainers</b>
<b>Funeral Homes &amp; Crematories</b>	<b>Electricians</b>
<b>Advanced Practice Nurses</b>	<b>Nurse Aides</b>

**Location: City Hall Auditorium, 250 N. 5th Street, Grand Junction, Colorado**  
**Register for these sessions via: [reglegislativeoutreach@dora.state.co.us](mailto:reglegislativeoutreach@dora.state.co.us)**

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

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.

Participants may then attend break-out sessions specific to each profession so Division staff can answer questions, distribute support materials and provide guidance on the new requirements for Colorado professionals.

Register for this session, submit questions for Division staff, and sign up for email notifications at [reglegislativeoutreach@dora.state.co.us](mailto:reglegislativeoutreach@dora.state.co.us).

Specific impacts include:

- **Athletic Trainers** must be registered with the Division by January 1, 2010.
- **Chiropractors** may be affected by new legislation from their recent Sunset Review including the new Animal Chiropractic Authority.
- **Electricians** must demonstrate continuing competency on or after January 1, 2011; journeymen license applicants must comply with a new training requirement on or after January 1, 2011.
- **Funeral Homes & Crematories** must be registered with the Division by January 1, 2010.
- **Nurse Aides** – the Board must have new requirements to obtain Medication Aide Authority in place by January 1, 2011 as well as new requirements for Medication Aide training programs. The objective is to replace the current requirement with rules that will allow for greater flexibility with regard to training settings and requirements as well and encourage the use of the Medication Aide authority where appropriate .
- **Advanced Practice Nurses** - Significant changes were made in the requirements for Prescriptive Authority for Advanced Practice Nurses that become effective July 1, 2010. Rules are in the process of being drafted to implement these new requirements. The Board is now authorized to issue a fine as a disciplinary sanction; licensees are required to report to the Board a Title 18 crime within 45 days of conviction; the waiting period has been extended to two years for nurses whose licenses have been denied, revoked, or surrendered before they are permitted to reapply for licensure.

Any interested party may provide input, ask questions or contact the Division of Registrations directly via email: [reglegislativeoutreach@dora.state.co.us](mailto:reglegislativeoutreach@dora.state.co.us). Please see [www.dora.state.co.us/registrations](http://www.dora.state.co.us/registrations) for details and updates for this and future sessions.



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