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2010 Sunrise Review of Surgical Technologists Released

Denver, Colorado --- The Department of Regulatory Agencies' Office of Policy, Research and Regulatory Reform has released a sunrise review examining the need for state regulation of surgical technologists. A sunrise review is required when any interested party proposes state regulation of a currently unregulated occupation or profession. Sunrise reviews determine whether the public is being harmed by the unregulated practice of an occupation or profession and whether there are less burdensome alternatives. These reviews are presented to the General Assembly to better enable it to evaluate the need for the regulation and to determine the least restrictive regulatory alternative consistent with the public interest.

A sunrise application was filed requesting licensure or certification of surgical technologists. The functions of surgical technologists are dictated, in large part, by the training and experience of the individual surgical technologist, the policies of the facility employing that individual, and the functions delegated to the surgical technologist by the licensed personnel in the operating room.

The 2010 sunrise review found no evidence of widespread competency-related harm caused by surgical technologists. Additionally, the review found that the current model, where employers determine the qualifications and competencies of the surgical technologists they employ, is sufficient to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Consequently, the review recommended no regulation of surgical technologists.

Please visit <http://www.dora.state.co.us/opr/oprpublications.htm> for the complete review.

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