

**Home Care  
Association  
of Colorado**

*Weaving a strong home care industry*

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**About Us**

The Home Care Association of Colorado was formed in 1970 as a not-for-profit trade association to represent the interests and concerns of the state's home care industry. HCAC is affiliated with the National Association for Home Care & Hospice that represents more than 25,000 members nation-wide.

Home Care agencies in our state:

- ♦ Provide 3 million home visits per year to 65,000 individual clients;
- ♦ Employ 10,000 licensed nurses, licensed physical therapists, registered occupational therapists, speech therapists, certified nurse aides, medical social workers, certified nurse aides and personal care providers;
- ♦ Drive 25 million miles a year to provide home visits;
- ♦ Are small business (2/3 of the agencies collect under \$2 Million in annual gross revenue)
- ♦ Are organized as not-for profit, governmental or proprietary providers and are either free-standing or operated by hospitals or other facilities;
- ♦ Are reimbursed by commercial insurance, Managed Care Organizations, Medicare, Medicaid, workers comp and private pay;

HCAC's 90 members provide the following services and products in the place of residence to persons of all ages who have health-related needs:

- ♦ home health care
- ♦ hospice care
- ♦ infusion and oxygen care
- ♦ non-medical personal care
- ♦ home medical equipment

Most home care agencies in Colorado are certified by Medicare and/or Medicaid and many are accredited by one of three national accrediting bodies. Home care agencies were licensed for the first time in Colorado with passage of Senate Bill 08-153. Rules to implement licensure are currently being written by the Dept. of Public Health & Environment. (CRS 25-27.5-101)  
<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hf/homecarelicensure/index.html>

HCAC's mission is to enhance the viability of home care as an integral and prominent part of health care delivery. We do so by providing:

- ♦ legislative, regulatory, reimbursement and advocacy support at state and national levels;
- ♦ public relations assistance;
- ♦ educational opportunities;
- ♦ data collection, analysis and dissemination, and
- ♦ communication/information channels.

We strive to meet our goals by:

- ♦ leading and shaping the future of health care;
- ♦ representing all sectors of the industry;
- ♦ encouraging quality health care practices;
- ♦ providing tools for members to successfully evolve, and
- ♦ enhancing care provision and outcomes throughout the circle of life.