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Dear Ms. Flenniken, Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Bommer:

The Colorado State Board of Health recently adopted rules concerning state licensing of ground ambulance services and state permitting of ground ambulance vehicles. Those rules were adopted to fulfill the requirements of [Senate Bill 22-225](#), which transferred ambulance service licensing, ambulance vehicle permitting, and other responsibilities from Colorado counties and cities-and-counties to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (Department) beginning July 1, 2024.

Recently, the Department has been hearing concerns from ground ambulance services in a variety of jurisdictions that they are being informed by counties that their county licenses expiring in March 2024 or later will not be renewed. However, existing law remains in effect through June 30, 2024 and requires counties and cities-and-counties to license and permit ground ambulance services and vehicles through June 30, 2024. Counties' and city-and-counties' continuing exercise of this authority is necessary for two critical reasons:

- (1) Ground ambulance services must be licensed in good standing by the appropriate legal regulatory authority to receive reimbursement for their EMS transport services through June 30, 2024, and
- (2) Ground ambulance agencies that hold a valid county or city-and-county issued license as of June 30, 2024 will be eligible to receive, at no cost, an initial state license and state permit for each ambulance vehicle under the new state licensure program, effective July 1, 2024.

The Department asks for your support in communicating this information to your members to prevent any adverse impacts upon ground ambulance services operating in Colorado. Please contact our ground ambulance licensing staff at [cdphe\\_groundambulance@state.co.us](mailto:cdphe_groundambulance@state.co.us) or 303-691-4932 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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