



COLORADO

Department of
Regulatory Agencies

Division of Professions and Occupations

PERMANENT RULE ADOPTION ORDER

Office of Direct-Entry Midwifery Registration

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The attached permanent rules are promulgated to implement Colorado House Bill 22-1284 (*Concerning updates to state surprise billing laws to facilitate the implementation of surprise billing protections, and, in connection therewith, aligning state law with the federal "No Surprises Act"*); and effectuate the directives of Executive Order D 2022 032 (*Directing State Agencies to Protect Access to Reproductive HealthCare in Colorado*), and Executive Order D 2022 034 (*Protecting Colorado's Workforce and Expanding Licensing Opportunities*).

The basis for these rules are to carry out the provisions of Colorado House Bill 22-1284 at section 12-30-112(3); Executive Orders D 2022-032 and D 2022-034; and the Direct-Entry Midwives Practice Act at section 12-225-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S.

The specific statutory authorities that authorize this rulemaking is pursuant to sections 12-20-204(1), 12-30-112(3), 12-225-108(1)(a), and 24-4-103, C.R.S. The adoption of these permanent rules is imperatively necessary to comply with the requirements of state law and the Governor's Executive Orders. Therefore, I hereby adopt these permanent rules as printed and amended, and incorporate by reference the statements of basis, purpose, and statutory authority, pursuant to section 24-4-103(4)(c), C.R.S.

Dated this 7th day of October 2022, to be effective November 30, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karen McGovern', is written over a horizontal line.

Karen McGovern, Deputy Division Director of Legal Affairs,
for Ronne Hines, Director Division of Professions and Occupations