



NEWS RELEASE – Notice of Public Meeting – Grand Junction

ATTENTION:	Athlete Agents	Accountants
	Architects	Massage Therapists
	Physicians	Occupational Therapists
	Pharmacists	Prescribers of Controlled Substances

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 athlete agents, accountants, architects, massage therapists, physicians, occupational therapists, pharmacists and anyone prescribing controlled substances. The Division of Registrations, part of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, is hosting important informational sessions to address these changes.

When: Thursday, December 18, 2008

Morning Session: 9:00 a.m.
Athlete Agents
Massage Therapists
Physicians

Afternoon Session: 12:30 p.m.
Accountants
Architects
Occupational Therapists
**Pharmacists/Prescribers of
Controlled Substances**

Location: City Hall Auditorium, 250 N. 5th Street, Grand Junction, Colorado

Register for these sessions via: 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 new registration and licensing rules, educational requirements and important deadlines.

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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 through promotion of a fair and competitive business environment.

Participants may then attend break-out sessions specific to each profession so division staff can answer questions, distribute support materials and provide guidance on what is now required to do business in good standing in Colorado.

Register for this session, submit questions for division staff, and sign up for email notifications at reglegislativeoutreach@dora.state.co.us.

Specific impacts include:

- **Athlete agents** - those recruiting or representing student athletes – must hold a certificate of registration by Jan. 1, 2009.
- **Accountants** based outside Colorado who provide services inside the state can now practice without obtaining a state license or temporary practice permit, effective Aug. 5, 2008.
- **Architects** licensed to practice in Colorado must meet new continuing education requirements designed to ensure retention of certain educational materials on health, safety and welfare in order to renew their license by July 31, 2009.
- **Occupational therapists** must hold a certificate of registration by Jan. 1, 2009.
- **Massage therapists** must hold a certificate of registration by April 1, 2009.
- **Physicians** must meet new public profile disclosure requirements relating to licenses, board certifications, affiliations, business ownership interests, disciplinary actions, and other information, by May 31, 2009.
- **Pharmacists** or anyone prescribing controlled substances (physicians, nurses with prescriptive authority, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists, veterinarians, physicians assistants) may register to access the Electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring program, designed to provide objective information to assist prescribers and pharmacists in providing appropriate treatment to patients.

Any interested party may provide input, ask questions or contact the Division of Registrations directly via email: reglegislativeoutreach@dora.state.co.us.

Please see www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/ for details and updates.



DORA is dedicated to preserving the integrity of the marketplace and is committed to promoting a fair and competitive business environment in Colorado. Consumer protection is our mission.