

DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES
State Board of Veterinary Medicine
VETERINARY MEDICINE RULES AND REGULATIONS
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1.24 EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR VETERINARIANS PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER D 2022 028

- A. Basis. Through Executive Order D 2022 028, extending Executive Orders D 2021 122, D 2021 124, D 2021 125, D 2021 129, D 2021 132, D 2021 136, D 2021 139, D 2021 141, D 2022 003, D 2022 010, D 2022 013, D 2022 017, and D 2022 020, Governor Jared Polis temporarily suspended the emergency rulemaking authorities for the State Board of Veterinary Medicine ("Board") set forth in section 24-1-122(3)(y), C.R.S., and directed the Executive Director of DORA, through the Director of the Division of Professions and Occupations (Division Director), to promulgate and issue temporary emergency rules consistent with the Executive Order. The basis for these emergency rules is Executive Order D 2022 028 issued by Governor Jared Polis pursuant to the Colorado COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Order and Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, and the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, sections 24-33.5-701, *et. seq.*, C.R.S.
- B. Purpose. These Emergency Rules are adopted by the Executive Director of the Department of Regulatory Agencies, through the Division Director, to effectuate Executive Order D 2022 028, extending Executive Orders D 2021 122, D 2021 124, D 2021 125, D 2021 129, D 2021 132, D 2021 136, D 2021 139, D 2021 141, D 2022 003, D 2022 010, D 2022 013, D 2022 017, and D 2022 020, and directing the immediate expansion of the workforce of trained medical personnel available to provide healthcare services within inpatient facilities due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in Colorado.
- C. Expanded Scope of Practice. Veterinarians may perform services while working in a hospital or inpatient facility as delegated by physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, certified registered nurse anesthetists, professional nurses and respiratory therapists.
1. Veterinarians are authorized to perform delegated services upon adequate cross-training as determined necessary by the hospital or inpatient facility.
 2. Veterinarians shall not accept delegation of a service for which the licensee does not possess the knowledge, skill, or training to perform.

3. Veterinarians shall not perform a delegated service for which the licensee does not possess the knowledge, skill, or training to perform.
4. Delegated services shall not be re-delegated to another person or licensee by the delegatee.
5. Veterinarians shall not prescribe or select medications, perform surgical or other invasive procedures or perform anesthesia services outside of the statutory scope of practice regardless of delegation.

1.25 EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR VETERINARIANS IN ORDER TO ADMINISTER VACCINATIONS PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER D 2022 028

- A. Basis. Through Executive Order D 2022 028, extending Executive Orders D 2021 122, D 2021 124, D 2021 125, D 2021 129, D 2021 132, D 2021 136, D 2021 139, D 2021 141, D 2022 003, D 2022 010, D 2022 013, D 2022 017, and D 2022 020, Governor Jared Polis temporarily suspended the emergency rulemaking authorities for the State Board of Veterinary Medicine ("Board") set forth in section 24-1-122(3)(y), C.R.S., and directed the Executive Director of DORA, through the Director of the Division of Professions and Occupations (Division Director), to promulgate and issue temporary emergency rules consistent with the Executive Order. The basis for these emergency rules is Executive Order D 2022 028 issued by Governor Jared Polis pursuant to the Colorado COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Order and Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, and the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, sections 24-33.5-701, *et. seq.*, C.R.S.
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- C. Expanded Scope of Practice In Order to Administer the COVID-19 Vaccination.
 1. Veterinarians may administer the COVID-19 vaccination while working in a hospital, inpatient facility, or outpatient setting as delegated by physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, certified registered nurse anesthetists, or professional nurses.
 - a. Veterinarians are authorized to perform this delegated service upon adequate cross-training as determined necessary by the hospital, inpatient facility, or outpatient setting.

- b. Veterinarians shall not accept delegation of this service if the licensee does not possess the knowledge, skill, or training to perform.
- c. Veterinarians shall not perform this delegated service if the licensee does not possess the knowledge, skill, or training to perform.
- d. This delegated service shall not be re-delegated to another person or licensee by the delegatee.
- e. Veterinarians shall not prescribe, order, or select the COVID-19 vaccination regardless of delegation.

