

TITLE 25. HEALTH
HEALTH CARE
ARTICLE 29. DENVER HEALTH AND HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

C.R.S. 25-29-104 (2011)

25-29-104. Mission of authority - action of board of directors

(1) The mission of the authority is to:

(a) Provide access to quality preventive, acute, and chronic health care for all the citizens of Denver regardless of ability to pay;

(b) Provide high quality emergency medical services to Denver and the Rocky Mountain region;

(c) Fulfill public health functions in accordance with the agreement entered into with the city pursuant to the authority granted in [section 25-29-105](#) and the needs of the citizens of Denver;

(d) Provide for the health education of patients and to participate in the education of the next generation of health care professionals; and

(e) Engage in research to the extent that it enhances the ability of the authority to meet the health care needs of its patients.

(2) The board of directors shall not transfer assets of the authority or of the health system to any person or entity except for such grants or transfers as may be incidental to health system programs and which are consistent with the purposes of this article.

(3) Upon the dissolution of the authority, all assets of the authority, after the satisfaction of creditors, shall revert to the city.

(4) The business activities of the authority, including any joint ventures, shall be primarily in furtherance or in support of the duties and responsibilities of the health system as specified in subsection (1) of this section.

HISTORY: Source: L. 94: Entire article added, p. 658, § 1, effective April 19.

ANNOTATION

Providing access to health care services is different from the actual provision of such services; this section does not create a statutory exception to the common law corporate practice of medicine doctrine. Since the Denver health and hospital authority is neither explicitly authorized or required to practice medicine, nor can it control the independent medical judgment of its employees, it is not exposed to vicarious liability. Estate of Harper ex rel. Al-Hamim v. Denver Health & Hosp. Auth., 140 P.3d 273 (Colo. App. 2006).