

Executive Order for Healthcare Students ^[1]

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CU's state team worked with healthcare faculty in nursing, medicine, dentistry and pharmacy to request flexibility in state rules for education and licensure requirements. Several rules in place created guardrails for both graduation and practice because of the impact of COVID-19 on education and clinical delivery. Many of our students were at risk of not being able to graduate on time. The state team worked with Senator Rhonda Fields (D-Aurora) to send a letter to the Governor from the Senate Majority, including President Leroy Garcia (D-Pueblo) and Majority Leader Steve Fenberg (D-Boulder), requesting an Executive Order for rule flexibility. We also worked directly with the Governor's policy staff on the request and CU's incredible faculty and staff used their association channels to advocate for support. We are incredibly thankful to the Governor and his team for working with us to ensure our students are able to graduate and practice. We will continue working on the emergency rule making process outlined in [Executive Order D 2020 038](#) ^[3].



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