

Health District

OF NORTHERN LARIMER COUNTY

4/9/2019

HB19-1237: LICENSING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ENTITIES

Bill Summary

The bill combines the various current licenses for entities that provide behavioral health services into a single license of a behavioral health entity (BHE). The bill requires a BHE that was previously licensed by CDPHE to obtain a BHE license by July 1, 2022. It requires a BHE that was previously licensed or approved by DHS to obtain a BHE license by July 1, 2024. To work on the transition to a single BHE license an implementation and advisory committee is established.

Health District Board Action

The Board voted to Support HB19-1237, but urged legislators to include a process to protect behavioral health entities that are in development or will be constructed prior to completion of rulemaking. The Board also urges legislators to accelerate the timeline for implementing the new license.