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Roy Romer Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

GENERAL HIRING FREEZE

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there will be an overexpenditure for Medicaid programs in excess of the amount authorized by appropriation for Fiscal Year 1990-1991;

WHEREAS, section 24-75-109, 13 C.R.S. (1991) allows for an overexpenditure for Medicaid programs if certain conditions are met;

WHEREAS, section 24-75-201.1 (1)(d)(IV), 10B C.R.S. (1990 Supp.) requires a three percent reserve of the amount appropriated for expenditure from the General Fund for Fiscal Year 1990-1991;

WHEREAS, the overexpenditure for the Medicaid programs will significantly reduce that three percent reserve mandated by section 24-75-201.1 (1)(d)(IV);

WHEREAS, section 24-75-201.5, 10B C.R.S. (1988) indicates that if revenue shortfalls affect the reserve fund, the Governor shall formulate a plan for reducing such General Fund expenditures so that the reserve will be preserved;

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado is required to assure that state government expenditures do not exceed revenues; and

WHEREAS, section 24-75-201.5, 10B C.R.S. (1988) requires that the Governor shall promptly notify the General Assembly of such a plan and implement said plan using the procedures set forth in sections 24-2-102 (4), 24-30-206 (3), or 24-50-109.5, C.R.S. or any other lawful means;

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Colorado Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado including Article IV, section 2 and Article X, section 16, and section 24-2-102 (4), 10A C.R.S. (1988), DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

- 1) Effective immediately there shall be a uniform hiring freeze, applicable to each department, board, bureau and agency of the state government. This hiring freeze shall apply to all vacant positions in the classified service.
- 2) The hiring freeze shall be for an indefinite period of time, and may be discontinued during this period only by Executive Order of the Governor.
- To protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Colorado, a process will be provided to allow certain exceptions to the hiring freeze.
- 4) Each executive director of a statutorily created department, and the head of each governing board in the Department of Higher Education will review any exception and will make requests for an recommendations to the Office of the Governor. panel comprised of the Chief of Staff to Governor, the Director of the Department Personnel, and the Director of the Office of State Planning and Budgeting will determine if any requests for exception shall be granted. The Governor may add members to this review panel at his discretion.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this 9th day of August, 1991.

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Roy Romer Governor