Colorado Emergency Rulemaking Process

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1. Adopt rule(s)
2. eFile with Secretary of State (SOS) to request the Attorney General (AG) opinion
3. AG issues opinion
4. eFile adopted rule(s) with SOS and the Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS)

   Note: The statutory deadline is 20 days after adoption. The publishing deadline is the 15th or last day of the month.
5. Rule(s) are published in the Colorado Register on the 25th of the same month or the 10th of the following month

   Note: The Colorado Register is published twice a month. Filings from the 1st to the 15th are published on the 25th, and filings from the 16th to the last day of the month are published on the 10th of the next month.
6. Rule(s) become effective

   Note: The statutory minimum is the adoption date, or later if desired.
7. Rule(s) are published in the Code of Colorado Regulations (CCR)

   Note: Following the completion of the agency's final filing with SOS and OLLS.
8. Rule(s) removed from CCR after expiration unless replaced by further rulemaking

   Note:
   Statutory deadlines
   - Emergency rules expire 120 days after adoption.
   - Public Utilities Commission rules expire 210 days after adoption.
   - Water Quality Control Commission rules expire one year after adoption.

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- Emergency rule(s) will be effective up to 120 days after the adopted date as per section 24-4-103(6), C.R.S.
- Statutory authority for Public Utilities Commission exception (up to 210 days) per sections 24-4-103(6)(b) and 40-2-108(2), C.R.S.
- Statutory authority for Water Quality Control Commission exception (up to one year) per sections 25-8-208 and 25-8-402(5), C.R.S.