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The current regulatory environment is in need of improvement relative to the creation of free standing emergency rooms. therefore, the commission proposes the following:

- That CDPHE be directed to study the impact of free standing emergency rooms in terms of both cost and quality and to report their findings to the general assembly.
- Directing CDPHE to develop standards for all free standing EDs that set forth licensing requirements for staffing, capabilities, and equipment that are the same as the equivalent level of federal government's "conditions of participation", and other regulatory guidance, for hospital based emergency rooms.
- Directing CDPHE to develop standards that urgent care centers must meet in order to be licensed as an "urgent care center" in Colorado.