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PROGRAM:	RETAIL FOOD
EFFECTIVE REGULATION:	<i>Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations, July 1, 2013</i>
INTERPRETIVE MEMO NO.:	14-09
DATE:	January 1, 2014
SUBJECT:	Special Accommodations for Seizure Detecting Service Animals In Grocery Carts

The *Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations* prohibit any animals, including service animals, from having contact with incidental food contact surfaces such as dining tables, grocery carts and baskets.

In limited situations, and to protect the disabled caretaker, the positioning of a service animal in a grocery cart may be permitted. Specifically, service animals that are trained to detect seizures must be in close contact with and able to observe the face of their caretakers. If a caretaker is physically unable to carry their seizure detecting service animal, it is acceptable to allow the service animal to ride in the cart provided necessary measures are taken to reasonably protect incidental food contact surfaces from contamination. This can be accomplished by providing a barrier, such as a clean liner or pad, between the service animal and the surface of the cart.

In addition to this Interpretive Memo, refer to Section 8-106 of *Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulation* available at www.colorado.gov/CDPHE/DEHS under the Food Regulations tab and titled, "6 CCR 1010-2 Full Regulations PDF".

All previous interpretive memoranda issued pertaining to this subject are hereby superseded as of the effective date above.

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25-4-1601 C.R.S. provides CDPHE's authority for the uniform statewide administration, implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of *The Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations*. This interpretive memo is issued in accordance with this authority and CDPHE expects its contents to be implemented in accordance with the statutory requirement.