

JOB DESCRIPTION

Health Reporter

Job Title: Health Reporter
Reports To: Managing Editor
FLSA Status: Exempt
Department: News

Summary: The CPR Health Reporter covers a wide range of health care and related issues in the state and region. Files reports for news magazines, newscasts, website, and other CPR News programming, with an emphasis on in-depth coverage.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

Covers the healthcare beat in Colorado: the healthcare industry, legislation and public policy, insurance and the uninsured, public and environmental health. Primary focus on state and local issues and how national issues and policies play out in the state.

Identifies trends and developing stories, and pursues enterprise investigative work in the beat to uncover stories that no one else is reporting.

Researches, writes, reports, edits, and voices a wide variety of stories and series for morning and afternoon news magazines and periodically for Colorado Matters. Provides soundbites, wraps and voicers for hourly newscasts, and occasionally produces interviews for Colorado Matters when content warrants.

Collaborates with news department on optimal placement of material, i.e. news magazines, newscasts, Colorado Matters, etc.

Contributes to CPR News website, including audio, text, extended interviews, photos, etc. Contributes to CPR's social media platforms.

Works with Public Insight Editor to utilize the Network to find sources and potential guests for stories.

Serves as a resource for the News Department on healthcare issues - identifying sources, opportunities for additional coverage, etc.

Participates in all assigned fund-raising and outreach activities, on air and off.

Other duties as assigned.

Available to work during non-standard working hours and weekend on-call shifts, as needed.

Knowledge and Competencies:

Extensive knowledge of the beat area (see list above). Minimum of 5 years journalism experience; public radio experience ideal. High-level writing and editing skills, demonstrated ability to identify key developments and distill complex matters. Able to work collaboratively, meet deadlines, juggle multiple tasks. Position is based in Denver with some travel as needed for reporting and professional development.