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**COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL COMMENTS ON COURT OF APPEALS'  
DECISION IN ANDERSON ET AL V. SUTHERS**

**DENVER**—The Colorado Court of Appeals today issued its opinion in a case (2012CA2313) in which a group of plaintiffs challenged a decision of the Colorado Attorney General to approve the transaction in which the Colorado Health Foundation sold its interest in several hospitals in the Denver area to HCA-HealthONE. The Court affirmed the trial court judgment dismissing the lawsuit. Unlike the trial court, which dismissed the case as moot, the Court of Appeals held that the plaintiff lacked standing to contest the Attorney General's approval of this hospital transfer.

In response to the Court's Opinion, Attorney General Suthers issued the following statement:

“The Attorney General's Office is very pleased with today's Court of Appeals' decision. The office takes very seriously its responsibility under Colorado law to review the transfer of hospital ownership. The Court's decision indicating that deference is due to such decisions and that standing is limited only to those who have suffered an injury to a legally-protected interest provides helpful guidance in future cases.”

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