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Dear Hospital Providers,

[Senate Bill 18-266](#) requires Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) to implement an evidence-based hospital review program to ensure appropriate utilization of hospital services. The hospital review program created by SB 18-266 is the Inpatient Hospital Review Program (IHRP). The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) suspended the IHRP in April 2020 because of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on hospitals.

The Department is currently in the planning stages of relaunching a new version of IHRP, now referenced as IHRP 2.0. IHRP 2.0 is a redesigned, focused program whose primary goal is to help hospitals coordinate with the appropriate Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) for efficient and effective discharge planning and care coordination.

As part of the planning for IHRP 2.0, the Department is requesting feedback from providers that took part in IHRP 1.0 or that believe they will play a role in IHRP 2.0. This survey will help the Department and the Department's Utilization Management (UM) Vendor, Keystone Peer Review Organization (Kepro), ensure that the program's redesign and Kepro's Prior Authorization Request (PAR) portal, Atrezzo, address areas of concern and issues identified during IHRP 1.0.

The [Kepro-Health First Colorado IHRP 2.0 Provider Survey](#) is now available for completion. This survey will be available until midnight, January 22, 2023. We appreciate your participation in this survey, as this information will be used during the implementation and evaluation of IHRP 2.0.

Review the [IHRP 2.0 web page](#) for additional information on IHRP 2.0. Contact hcpf_um@state.co.us with any questions regarding IHRP 2.0 including participating in the Joint Operating Committee stakeholder meetings.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

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