



**COLORADO**  
Department of Health Care  
Policy & Financing

Dear Colorado Hospital Staff,

[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, known as the Inpatient Hospital Review Program (IHRP) was paused at the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health Emergency. Help is needed in identifying the staff who need to learn about the next generation Inpatient Hospital Review Program - IHRP 2.0.

These colleagues are invited to participate in:

1. A survey to confirm that the most important challenges present in the first iteration of IHRP have been addressed.
2. A meeting for hospital leaders to understand the goals and proposed processes for IHRP 2.0.
3. A Joint Operating Committee (JOC) of Utilization Management professionals to work through processes and workflows and prepare for system training.

Enter information in the [Inpatient Hospital Review Program \(IHRP\) 2.0 Stakeholder Engagement Contact Form](#) if wanting to be involved in the Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities for IHRP 2.0, which will begin in early December 2022. Those who have identified interest in participating in further stakeholder engagement opportunities for IHRP 2.0 will receive additional email communication and calendar invitations for stakeholder events.

Forward this email to those that you believe should be involved from your hospital.

Contact the ColoradoPAR Program Utilization Management Team at [hcpf\\_um@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf_um@state.co.us) with any questions.

Thank you,

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