

Dear Provider,

Health First Colorado's Inpatient Hospital Review Program (IHRP) 2.0 has been renamed **Inpatient Hospital Transitions (IHT)**. Feedback from hospitals and Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs) influenced decisions on enhancements to the program. The goals of IHT include:

- 1. Provide a simple and consistent way for hospitals that require care coordination assistance to contact RAEs, provide member-specific information and ensure successful discharge planning.
- 2. Assist in the transition of complex inpatients from one level of care to another.
- 3. Decrease the burden on stakeholders through improved processes.

Details were shared at a Joint Operating Committee (JOC) meeting on July 11, 2024 and are included below.

IHT is the first step in official communication from hospitals to RAEs. The processes for Creative Solutions and Complex Solutions to assist with care coordination for members in the outpatient setting will not change. Hospitals will use Acentra's Atrezzo™ portal to submit questionnaires with information for the RAEs. Two groups of patients are included in IHT:

- 1. Neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) level III and IV babies for whom questionnaires are to be submitted one time, unless care coordination help is needed prior to discharge.
- 2. Non-NICU patients at day 30 and every 30 days thereafter until discharge and any non-NICU patient for whom the hospital needs care coordination/discharge planning assistance.

IHT does not include facilities or units in Provider Type 01 (General Hospitals) inpatient behavioral health units or long-term acute care hospitals and specialty hospitals, or Provider Type 02 behavioral health hospitals.

IHT will go live on September 9, 2024.

Visit the Inpatient Hospital Transitions web page for additional information about IHT.

The next JOC meeting is August 15 at 1:00 p.m. MT. Hospitals providing inpatient care transitions should attend JOC meetings. Contact <u>HCPF_UM@state.co.us</u> to receive meeting details.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing