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Dear Health First Colorado Providers,

Over the past few weeks, hospital capacity has become a more serious issue than at any other point in the pandemic. Our ICU beds are at 90% capacity or greater and Colorado has begun implementing [crisis standards of care for staffing](#). One way to help decrease hospital admissions due to COVID-19 is by prescribing and administering monoclonal antibody therapy. Monoclonal antibody treatment is up to 70% effective in preventing COVID-19 hospitalization.

COVID-19 monoclonal antibodies can help prevent severe illness for some people who get infected with COVID-19. The FDA has authorized these antibody treatments for emergency use and they are covered under Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program). The treatments are available to people who have tested positive for COVID-19, have mild to moderate symptoms, and who are at high risk of developing severe illness.

We encourage you to consider enrolling as a monoclonal antibody provider. To enroll, a representative from your practice must email cdphe.commentsoepr@state.co.us requesting enrollment along with your or your practice's name and contact information. CDPHE will follow-up on your request and once the practice/provider has been registered and a representative has signed a letter of affiliation, the practice/provider can begin ordering monoclonal antibody products and reporting utilization.

Orders for monoclonal antibody products are placed through CDPHE using the REDCap "Status of Supply" form available at <https://cdphe.redcap.state.co.us/surveys/?s=LJWJ8E8JXLE4DHXN>.

- This form is due weekly by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesdays to request products to be delivered the following week.
- This form only needs to be completed for weeks when the site wants to order more products.

If you are not enrolled to provide monoclonal antibody treatments but have a patient who meets the eligibility criteria and agrees to receive the treatment, you can find locations that are administering monoclonal antibodies on the [CDPHE website](#). Some locations accept referrals through the [COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Connector tool](#). For these sites, you can enter the patient's information through the tool. The patient will then need to contact the hospital, infusion site, or clinic to schedule treatment.

The patient should be reminded that monoclonal antibody treatments are not a substitute for [vaccination against COVID-19](#). Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent serious illness from COVID-19.

The state has several monoclonal antibody providers enrolled throughout Colorado, but we need more. CDPHE has five buses equipped to provide the treatment traveling throughout the state - with an additional five buses coming online shortly. Please visit [CDPHE's website](#) for more detail and be on the lookout for additional information in the coming days.

Thank you for your service in treating Health First Colorado members.

Sincerely,

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