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Dear Healthcare Partners,

We need your help. Last year I wrote to you asking that you help us develop the state's Crisis Standards of Care (CSC). Many of you did. Thank you. Today I am writing to ask you to *review* our completed draft of the standards.

Crisis Standards of Care are guidelines that will provide guidance to medical professionals when resources are stretched to the breaking point. The draft standards are an effort to build upon Colorado's current standards and to develop checklists and processes to guide the provision of healthcare when conditions require a deviation from normal practices. The draft standards are in line with the National Academy of Medicine's current guidelines for the development of Crisis Standards of Care.

We recognize the value of your time and thank you in advance for participating in this review process. Please review the sections identified for your practitioner group and provide feedback about the content or details that may be missing. Remember, the goal is to provide appropriate operational guidelines and parameters that can be used during a crisis. You can access the draft plan and instructions for providing feedback at <https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/colorado-crisis-standards-care>.

The project's success depends on input from individuals like you who represent a variety of healthcare providers and disciplines. As potential users of the document, please focus on areas that may not seem practicable during an actual response. Situations may include pandemic disease, nuclear warfare, widespread supply chain interruption, intentional release of a dangerous pathogen, and natural disasters that could overwhelm a significant portion of the healthcare capability within the State.

The plan has been divided into two sections; the base plan and the associated appendices for ease of review and use. These documents as well as other supporting and historical documents are available on our webpage.

Please forward any questions or comments to ColoradoCSC@AllClearEMG.com

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Larry Wolk', is written over a white background.

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