Long Term Care Utilization Management Contract

What is Long Term Care Utilization Management?
Utilization Management (UM) coordinates clinical review activities, known as Utilization Review (UR) for certain Long Term Care (LTC) benefits and services. Colorado Medicaid LTC UR services are performed by a LTC UM contractor.

Who is the new LTC UM contractor?
On July 1, 2012, MASSPRO, a federally certified Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) will assume LTC UM responsibilities from Ascend Management Innovations, formerly known as Dual Diagnosis Management (DDM).

What programs or processes are impacted by this transition?

- Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR)
- Nursing Facility/Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectually Disabilities (ICF-IID) Prior Authorization Reviews (PARs)
- Swing Bed PARs
- Hospital Back Up (HBU)
- Children's Extensive Support (CES)
- Colorado Estate Recovery

What providers are impacted?

- Nursing Homes
- ICF-IIDs
- Swing Beds
- Hospitals
- Single Entry Points
- Community Centered Boards
- Mental Health Centers
- Program for the All-inclusive Care for the Elderly
- OBRA Coordinators

When will this transition occur?
The transition is underway. Ascend Management Innovations will continue to provide LTC UM services through June 30, 2012. On July 1, 2012, MASSPRO will assume all contract responsibilities.

Why is the LTC UM contractor changing?
MASSPRO was selected through a competitive bid process in compliance with State and Federal procurement law. MASSPRO was awarded the contract on May 01, 2012 for an effective date of July 1, 2012.

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Additional information will be forthcoming no later than June 15, 2012.

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