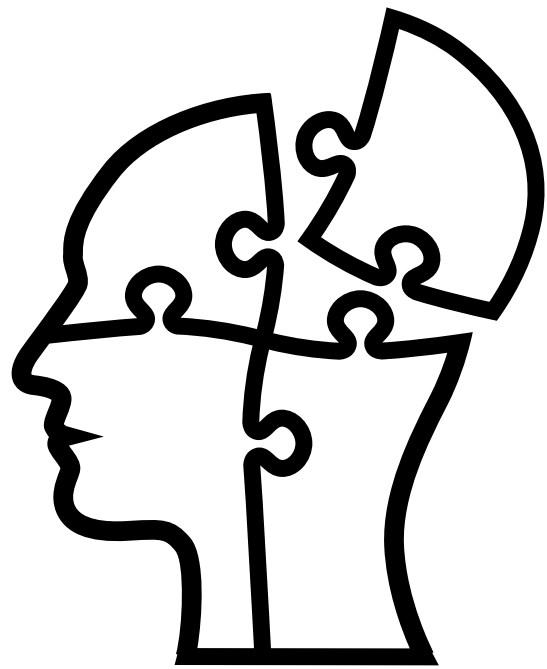


Know Your Rights

Children and Minors

“Children” is anyone under the age of eighteen.



Minors who are 12 and older

- Can seek psychotherapy services from a licensed mental health professional without the consent of their parent/guardian.

Minors who are 15 and older

- Can consent to behavioral health services, including medications, without the consent of a parent or legal guardian
- Can consent to voluntary hospitalization, object to hospitalization, and consent to release of information



Minors under 15

Minors under 15 have the right to object to hospitalization and have a guardian ad litem appointed.

If you feel your patient rights have been violated:

You can file a complaint with any of the following.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

- [Online Form](#)
- [Online Form \(en Español\)](#)
- CDHS_BHA_complaint@state.co.us
- 303-866-7191

DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES (DORA) DIVISION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

- [Online Form](#)
- dora_dpo_licensing@state.co.us
- 303-894-7800

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

- cdphe.hfdintake@state.co.us
Subject line: [Relevant health care entity type], Complaint Intake
- See entity below

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO

- [Online Form](#)
- 720-777-1010 for Denver Metro locations
- 719-305-1010 for Colorado Springs location

DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES (DORA) COLORADO CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

- [Online Form](#)
- DORA_CCRDInvestigations@state.co.us
- 303-894-2997

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| Ambulatory Surgical Center 303-692-2827 | Assisted Living Residence 303-691-4045 1-800-886-7689, ext. 4045 | Dialysis Center 303-692-2827 | Home Care Agency and Hospice 303-692-2910 1-800-842-8826 |
| Hospital 303-692-2827 1-800-886-7689, ext. 2827 | Nursing Home 303-692-2442 1-800-886-7689, ext. 2442 | Providers and facilities that serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities 303-692-2926, 1-800-886-7689, ext. 2926 | |



For minors and people under the age of 21 on Medicaid:

Starting July 1, 2024, a clinical diagnosis is NOT NECESSARY for coverage of some behavioral health services.

Mental health professionals can notify parents of psychotherapy services without the child's consent if deemed necessary.