



**A message from Dr. Jeff Krawcek, President and Executive Medical Director, Mike Ramseier, Regional President, and Nate Bernstein, Director Healthcare Division, UFCW Local 7**

During the Alliance 2021 National Bargaining, an agreement was reached to create an Affordability Task Force both nationally and in every KP region. The purpose of the Affordability Task Force is to promote and support KP's efforts to focus on affordability so that we can be more competitive and sustainable now and in the future.

As you know, affordability is key to our long-term success and is an important component of our region's [5-year plan](#) which focuses on growth and improving the overall member experience.

The Affordability Task Force participants include labor, management, and CPMG partners, working together to support affordability goals such as:

- Using the right person for the right work
- Implementing innovative models of care
- Improving integration
- Reducing expenses
- Improving automation and technology
- Recruiting talent
- Retaining members and employees

**The initial goal of the Affordability Task Force is to reach a savings of 1.5% of Alliance payroll each year (includes IUOE Local 1) which equals approximately \$3 million in Colorado.**

This is an important part of our regional work to support our overall cost structure mitigation efforts. Evaluating cost structure with relationship to current membership will be ongoing work to keep KP sustainable and focused on growth. We are grateful to all our teams working to make health care more affordable for our members and the people of Colorado.

**We can't do it without you.**

No one knows better how to make this organization successful than the people doing the work. You have a front row view of how our organization works, so we ask you: **What initiatives could generate additional revenue, increase membership, and improve service? Where do you see opportunities to create efficiencies, remove waste, or streamline work?**

There are no wrong ideas and you might have the next big idea. **Please submit your ideas by end of day Monday, August 22, by using this [simple online form](#) — you may also access the form by scanning the QR code below.**



All ideas are welcome and will be considered by the Affordability Task Force. Feasible ideas will be implemented in 2023. If you have questions you can reach the Task Force Colorado Co-chairs: [Amy Inglis](#), PA-C, Local 7 Contract Specialist, and [JJ Cassa](#), MBA, Director of LMPT, UBT, and PI Programs.

**Thank you for your participation.**