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To: All PCPs & BH Providers
From: IEHP – Quality Systems
Date: August 25, 2026
Subject: **UPCOMING: After-Hours Access Survey**

Our annual **After-Hours Access Survey** began yesterday, **August 24, 2026**. This survey is **after business hours, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM, and on weekends**.

QMetrics will administer the survey on behalf of IEHP through one (1) wave of outreach.

Each provider office will receive a phone call to assess compliance with the DMHC's after-hours triage or screening requirements.

Double-Check the After-Hours Requirements:

The after-hours standards are met by a telephone answering machine, answering service, Provider, and/or Provider office staff.

The answering mechanism should inform the caller:

- How they can obtain urgent or emergency care.
- Means by which their provider can be contacted,

or

In the case that a member's provider is not available, on-call arrangements with other providers for the purpose of rendering medical advice

or

Directions to contact the IEHP Nurse Advice Line at 1-888-244-IEHP (4347), TTY:711.

- Timeframe in which the Provider will return the member's call.

Type of Call	Timeframe and Acceptable Alternative(s)
Life-Threatening Emergency	Immediate disposition of the member to the appropriate care setting. Recording or verbally instructing the member to: • Hang up and call 911 • Go to the Emergency Room
Urgent non-life threatening	• Instruct the member to hold for an on-call physician or give the phone number of the on-call physician. • If the member is referred to the on-call physician, the member must be triaged by the on-call physician within 30 minutes. • Direct to IEHP 24-Hour Nurse Advice Line

If you have questions, please contact the IEHP Provider Call Center at (909) 890-2054, (866) 223-4347 or email ProviderServices@iehp.org

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