



AB 988
Implementation plan
update

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Upcoming Events

Event / Date	Location
Draft AB 988 five-year implementation plan + community engagement report will be posted on November 4, 2024	CalHHS 988 website 988-Crisis Policy Advisory Group - California Health and Human Services
November 4, 2024 12:30 – 2 pm PST Informational Webinar	Zoom webinar Register here
November 4 to 14, 2024 Public comment period for draft plan	Send written comments to AB988info@chhs.ca.gov
November 20, 2024 10 am – 3 pm PST Final 988-Crisis Policy Advisory Group (PAG)	Allenby Building, Sacramento Zoom link available 10 days prior at 988-Crisis Policy Advisory Group - California Health and Human Services

Draft Plan for PAG Review Distributed in Advance 11/13/24

AB 988 Legislation

The Miles Hall Lifeline and Suicide Prevention Act enacted September 2022:

- Creates the 988 State Suicide and Behavioral Health Crisis Services Fund via surcharges on telecom per access line per month
- Requires the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to convene a state [988 Technical Advisory Board](#)
- Requires CalHHS to convene a state 988 policy advisory group ([988-Crisis Policy Advisory Group](#)) to advise on a set of recommendations for the **five-year implementation plan** for a comprehensive 988 system by December 31, 2024
 - AB 988 underwent further modifications in [AB 118](#), the trailer bill that incorporates the implementing language of the California State Budget.
 - Requires CalHHS to **post regular updates**, no less than annually, regarding the implementation of 988 on its public internet website, until December 31, 2029



For more information:

- Please email [CHHS AB988Info <AB988Info@chhs.ca.gov>](mailto:AB988Info@chhs.ca.gov)
- Visit [CalHHS's 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Webpage](#)
- [Visit 988-Crisis Policy Advisory Group - California Health and Human Services](#)

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

The 988 Lifeline is an easy to remember three-digit number that anyone can call to receive support when experiencing a suicidal, mental health and/or substance use- related crisis. To reach the Lifeline, people can call or text 988 or chat at Lifeline (988lifeline.org). People who are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support may also use 988 to receive guidance and support. This number is in addition to existing national, state-wide, and local call lines for emergency and non-emergency support.

 Text/Chat 988

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- [988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline FAQ](#)
- [Relationship between 988 and 911 FAQ](#)
- Additional information regarding 988 can be found on [SAMHSA's 988 Website](#), including answers to [Frequently Asked Questions](#).