

# 988 IS COMING ARE WE READY?

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**FEATURE**

**988**  
SUICIDE  
& CRISIS  
**LIFELINE**

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Are We ready?



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- On July 16, 2020 the Federal Communications Commission adopted rules to establish 988 as the new, nationwide, 3-digit phone number for Americans in crisis to connect with suicide prevention and mental health support.
- On July 16, 2022, 988 will be the new three-digit dialing code connecting people to compassionate, accessible care and support whether it be thoughts of suicide, mental health, substance use, or any other kind of emotional distress.



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- Timely Transition

Full vision of a transformed crisis care system with 988 at its core will take time.



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- Collaboration

True transformation requires continued collaboration, commitment, and support from both public and private sectors.



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- Short-Term

Exploration of all options to strengthen and expand current Lifeline crisis center infrastructure and capacity for call, chat, and text.



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- Long-Term

Building a robust crisis care response system that links people to providers in the community capable of providing a full range of crisis care services.



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- Colorado

CO SB 21-154: 988  
Suicide Prevention  
Lifeline Network

Imposed a 988 surcharge not to exceed \$.30/month which appropriates an estimated \$5.7M for implementation.





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- Kentucky  
HB 192

Appropriated  
\$500,000 from  
tobacco  
settlements for the  
Kentucky Rural  
Mental Health and  
Suicide Prevention  
Pilot.



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- Oregon

HB2417: Relating to crisis intervention resources; and declaring an emergency.

Established requirements for staffing, training, and services for 988 call and receiving centers.

Appropriated initial \$5M in general funds for 988 implementation and \$10M to establish and maintain mobile crisis intervention teams.



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- Washington

HB 1477:

Implementing the national 988 system to enhance and expand behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention services.

Imposed an excise tax on all radio access lines at a tiered rate starting at \$.24 and increasing to \$.40 in January 2023 an appropriation more than \$23M in FY23 for 988 implementation.



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