

988 Financing: State Laws, Federal Appropriations, & Insurance Coverage

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The background is a collage of various images related to mental health advocacy and community events. It includes a protest with people holding signs, a group of people at a meeting, a person speaking at a podium, a group of people posing for a photo, and a person holding a trophy. The central text is white and bold, set against a dark blue rectangular background.

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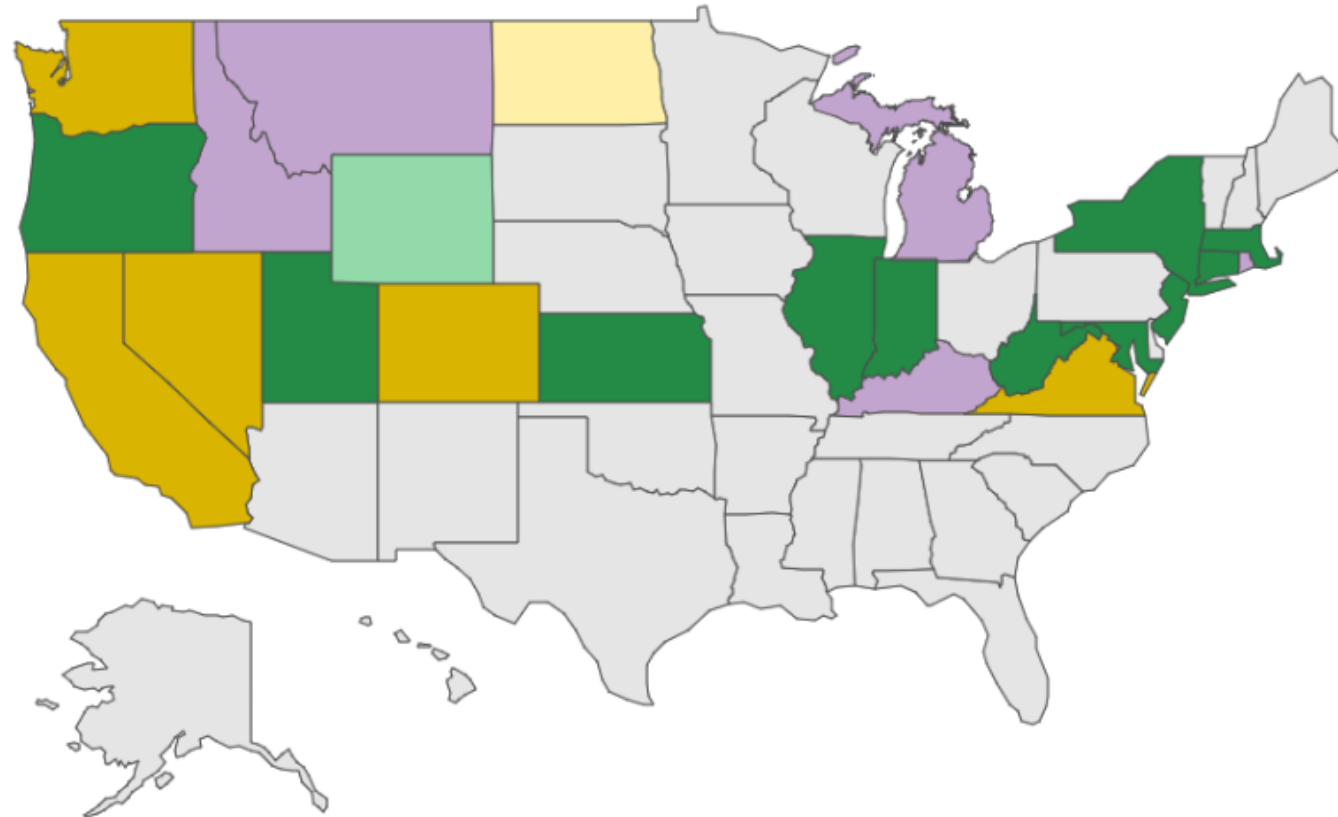
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988 Crisis Response State Legislation Map



- Comprehensive 988 implementation legislation enacted
- Comprehensive 988 implementation legislation pending
- Considered comprehensive 988 legislation and did not pass
- No 988 legislation considered (excludes appropriations, study bills)
- Partial 988 implementation legislation enacted
- Partial 988 implementation legislation pending

Via <https://reimaginecrisis.org/map/>

Accomplishment of the 117th Congress: Bipartisan Safer Communities Act



Gun safety and MH funding

- Mental funding, including \$150 M for Lifeline and \$250 M for mental health block grant funds
- School mental health personnel and pipeline as well as climate and “safety” funding

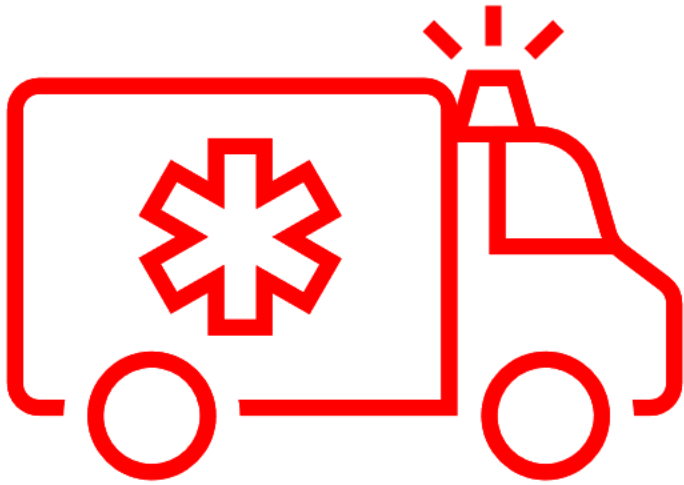
Accomplishment of the 117th Congress: Omnibus FY 23 Appropriations



Increased Crisis Resources

- \$1.01 B for Mental Health Block grant (5% set aside for crisis services)
- \$20 M for crisis response pilot program
- \$501.6 M for Lifeline including \$29.7 M for specialized services
- \$385 M for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- \$7 M for Coordinating Office

Accomplishment of the 117th Congress: Omnibus Bill



Medicare Policy Changes

- Marriage and family therapists and licensed counselors covered by Medicare Part B; additional psychiatry residency slots
- CMS must provide guidance on how peers can be auxiliary personnel for mobile crisis
- New Medicare service: psychotherapy for crisis services (mobile crisis services)

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Medicaid & Other Crisis Policies

- HHS (w/CMS and SAMHSA) to issue guidance to states including funding authorities
- HHS (w/ CMS and SAMHSA) to establish Technical Assistance Center
- HHS to issue compendium of best practices
- Lifeline Improvement Act (new requirements follow up care and outreach)
- Authorizes 5% crisis set aside in block grant

Other Relevant Medicaid Policies






- American Rescue Plan provided additional federal matching percentage for mobile crisis team services.
- Medicaid can cover crisis services, but reimbursement rates are very low under Medicaid in general



Private Insurance and Parity Enforcement/State Laws

- Private insurance rarely covers crisis services
- Parity argument that mobile crisis services are emergency services and should be covered under ACA marketplace plans and employer plans
- State Laws- WA HB 1688 definition of crisis providers includes all licensed providers whether in or out of facility and insurers required to cover all such behavioral health crisis emergency services

Looking Ahead to Next Congress

-  House;  Senate
-  spending;  oversight
-  interest in MH and SUD

Looking Ahead to 2023



Administration

- New proposed parity rule
- More Medicaid and Medicare guidance on crisis care
- New technical assistance center
- Continued disbursement of funds, implementation of 988

Congress

- Continued advocacy for appropriations to meet demand, increase awareness, ensure follow up and promote equity
- Oversight of 988 Implementation

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