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SUBJECT: RAPID RESPONSE

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Effective on July 5, 2011, the Office of Adult Mental Health will no longer be a part of a Rapid Response for persons who have been more than 8 hours in a Hospital Emergency Department for a lack of a psychiatric bed. For the past couple of years it has been recognized by all that the process has limited utility. The Office does not have the ability to create beds when none exist. As we have moved to a new Crisis System structure we have looked to the four Health Care Collaborative Crisis Systems to develop responses to these situations. Each HCC Crisis System includes a major hospital with a psychiatric unit and the crisis providers funded by the Department as well as the other hospitals with psychiatric units.

For your information the four (4) HCC Crisis Systems are:

- Coastal and Southern which comprise Spring Harbor Hospital, Spring Harbor Community Services dba MidCoast Mental Health Center, Sweetser, Youth Alternatives/Ingraham, Community Services, Inc.
- Western which comprise St. Mary's Medical Center, TriCounty Mental Health Center, Evergreen Behavioral Health, Oxford County Mental Health
- KenSom which comprise of Maine General Medical Center, Crisis and Counseling Center
- Northern Maine which comprise Eastern Maine Medical Center/Acadia Hospital, Aroostook Mental Health, Community Health and Counseling

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.