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TO: Directly Operated Programs  
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FROM: Tony Beliz, Ph.D.   
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SUBJECT: **REVISED PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM AFTER-HOURS  
COVERAGE EFFECTIVE 9/1/09**

Effective immediately, Psychiatric Mobile Response Team (PMRT) operations will revise its regular after-hours field response coverage in Service Areas 1 through 8. On weekdays from 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. and weekends/holidays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., ACCESS Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU) will evaluate each request for an after-hours PMRT response on a case-by-case basis.

CIU will provide callers with the following options:

- PMRT field response on the same day of the request if necessary as determined by CIU
- Link to 911 if immediate assistance is needed
- Transport client to the nearest LPS designated hospital if possible
- Wait for next business day PMRT response

CIU will continue to provide crisis counseling over the phone and refer the client to the appropriate service, including linkage to PMRT, for next day follow-up response. PMRT will contact the caller the next business day to arrange a field visit if same day after-hours PMRT field response was not required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (213) 738-4924 or Dr. Irma Castaneda at (213) 738-3433.

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