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## Provider Alert

То:	Sharp Health Plan Providers and Provider Office Staff
From:	Sharp Health Plan
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Subject:	After-Hours Survey Reminder

Attention Provider Partners,

This is a reminder that the annual After-Hours Survey is currently underway through December 31, 2021. Per Department of Managed Health Care regulations, the purpose of the survey is to confirm that members who call you after normal business hours will receive appropriate messaging and access to care. Below are the compliant answers to the standard survey questions:

Questions	Compliant Answers
What would you tell a caller who states he/she is dealing with a life-threatening emergency situation?	Hang up and dial 911 <i>AND/OR</i> Go to the nearest emergency room
If a patient expresses an urgent need to speak with a clinician, is there a way you can put them into contact with the provider, or an on-call provider or health care professional such as an advice nurse?	Yes
In what timeframe can the patient expect to hear from the provider or on-call provider?	Immediately <i>OR</i> 30 minutes or less

You can find more details regarding after-hours telephone access requirements and the After-Hours Survey in the <u>Provider Operations Manual</u> or in Sharp Health Plan's SHP-HS-PN-110 policy and procedure, available on the <u>Sharp Connect provider portal</u>.

Thank you for your continued partnership in providing the best care possible to our members. If you have any questions, please contact us at **provider.relations@sharp.com** or 1-858-499-8330. We are available to assist you on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sincerely,

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