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From: InterBel Telephone Cooperative

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RE: National suicide Prevention Hotline - "9-8-8" implementation

Notification: InterBel has implemented 3-digit dialing for the *National Suicide Prevention Hotline*. This change is in response to federal legislation signed into law by President Trump in October. InterBel is one of the first in the state to enable 988 creating an easy way to access mental health care.

“The pandemic has isolated individuals in our community at an increasing rate, InterBel has a responsibility to connect our members when they need help. When someone is in crisis and upset **9-8-8** is easier to remember than the current 10-digit (800) 273-TALK number.” - Jason Moothart, General Manager

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