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**To:** Specialists, Ancillary & IPAs

**From:** IEHP – Quality Systems

Date: October 3, 2023

Subject: 2023 Appointment Availability Survey – Wave 2

Beginning October 4th, 2023, we will conduct the second wave\* of the Annual Provider Appointment Availability Survey (PAAS). The survey is designed to assist IEHP in assessing Member access to urgent and routine care appointments.

\*If you are receiving this notice, either you or another Provider within your group, is scheduled to be surveyed during the second wave.

This year, IEHP has once again partnered with a survey vendor (**QMetrics**) to conduct a **fax, email, and online survey** to determine compliance with appointment standards.



## The survey will arrive either by:

- Email from QMetrics Surveys <u>invites@mailer.surveygizmo.com</u>
- Fax from (877) 399-3439 (survey should be returned to this number as well)

If Providers do not respond to the fax or email, Providers will be contacted by phone to complete the survey.

As a reminder, here are the appointment access standards:

Specialists and Ancillary Providers*	
Type of Visit/Service	Timeframe/Standard
Urgent Visit requiring authorization	Within ninety-six (96) hours of request
Routine non-urgent visit with Specialist Physicians	Within fifteen (15) business days of request
Non-urgent Ancillary services (for diagnosis and treatment of injury or other health condition)	Within fifteen (15) business days of request
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\*New specialties for the 2023 survey include: **dermatology**, **neurology**, **oncology**, **ophthalmology**, **otolaryngology**, **pulmonology**, and **urology**.

As a reminder, all communications sent by IEHP can also be found at: <a href="www.iehp.org">www.iehp.org</a> > Providers > Plan Updates > Correspondence

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IEHP Provider Call Center at (909) 890-2054, (866) 223-4347 or email ProviderServices@iehp.org