

Plan Management Advisory Workgroup

February 13, 2025



Time	Торіс	Presenter
10:00 - 10:05	Welcome and Agenda Review	Amy Frith
10:05 – 10:20	2026 – 2028 QHP Issuer Model Contract Requirements	EQT Team
10:20 - 10:40	Plan Performance Report Release Year 2024	EQT Team
10:40 - 10:50	Enhanced Benefit Designs	Melanie Droboniku
10:50 – 12:00	Open Forum	





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### 2026-2028 QHP ISSUER MODEL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

EQT Team

### 2026-2028 QHP INDIVIDUAL AND CCSB ISSUER CONTRACT

**EQT** Team



### **2026 QHP ISSUER CONTRACT UPDATE TIMELINE**





### **2026-2028 CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Principles		Framework		
Equity is quality		Build o	Build on the strong foundation of 2023-2025 contract	
Center the member		Prioritize alignment with DHCS, CalPERS, & OHCA		
Make it easy to do right		Emph	aciza autoomas	
Amplify through alignment		Emphasize outcomes		
Focused scope for high impact		Pursue administrative simplification		
Model Contract	Attachment	1	Attachment 2	Attachment 4
<ul> <li>Essential Community Providers (ECPs)</li> </ul>	Articles 1-6		<ul> <li>Performance standards</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Quality Transformation Initiative</li> </ul>

• Article 5

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# ADVANCING EQUITY, QUALITY AND VALUE CONTRACT UPDATE



# **BUILDING ON 2023-2025 WITH BOLD NEW ADDITIONS**

#### **Actionable Data**

- Selective Contracting for Quality
- Expansion of Demographic Data Collection
- Data Exchange
- Behavioral Health Disparities Reduction
- Quality Transformation Initiative (QTI)

### Healthy Workforce

- Essential Community Providers
- Generative Artificial Intelligence
- Primary and Behavioral Health Care Spend Tracking
- Engagement in Collaboratives and with Community

### **Advanced Primary Care**

- Continuity of Care
- Use and Quality of Digital Care
- Behavioral Health Promotion
- Substance Use Disorder Care
- Behavioral Health Vendor Oversight

### Member-Centered Value

- Access to Care
- Comprehensive Maternal Healthcare
- Population Health Investments
- Targeted Engagement and Outreach



# 2026 – 2028 QHP ISSUER MODEL CONTRACT DRAFT UPDATES



### QHP Issuer Model Contract Article 4 QHP Issuer Program Requirements Article 5 Advancing Equity Quality, and Value Essential Community Providers, Access, and Removal From the Exchange ("25/2/2")



### **PROPOSED 2026-28 ECP REQUIREMENTS**

#### Model Contract Article 4 – Essential Community Providers (ECP) Requirements

- Issuers must meet ECP General Standard by maintaining a network which includes a sufficient geographic distribution of care to provide reasonable and timely access to low-income populations, individuals living in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) and medically underserved individuals
- □ ECP General Standard Sufficiency Requirements:
  - Issuers must demonstrate sufficient geographic distribution of a mix of essential community providers reasonably distributed throughout the geographic service area
  - Issuers must demonstrate provider contracts with at least 15% of Primary Care ECPs in each rating region in which it offers QHPs
  - Issuers must demonstrate provider agreements with at least 15% of Behavioral Health ECPs in each rating region in which it offers QHPs
  - Issuers must demonstrate agreements with at least one ECP hospital per county requirement or per rating area in counties with multiple rating regions



### **PROPOSED 2026-28 ECP REQUIREMENTS**

#### Model Contract Article 4 – Essential Community Providers (ECP) Requirements

□ ECP General Standard Sufficiency Requirements (continued):

- □ If Issuers are unable to meet the sufficiency requirements stated on the previous slide:
  - Issuers must demonstrate provider agreements with at least 15% of 340B non-hospital providers in each rating region in which it offers QHPs
  - Issuers must demonstrate documentation of good faith efforts to achieve the sufficiency requirements stated previously for the first plan year of the contract period
  - Issuers must demonstrate documentation of improvements in plan years 2027 and 2028 showing material increases in percentage of contracts with Primary Care and Behavioral Health ECPs
- Issuers in an integrated delivery system may request the ECP alternative standards and must demonstrate compliance by mapping low-income and HPSA member populations and network providers and facilities offering services in all ECP categories



### **PROPOSED 2026-28 ACCESS REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Model Contract Article 4 – Access**

- To assess and monitor Beneficiary Experience and Outcomes, Covered California will track and publicly report CMS QRS Enrollee Experience performance, although removed from Attachment 2 as a performance standard
- To assess and improve Provider Availability and Accessibility, Covered California will leverage Healthcare Evidence Initiative (HEI) for Network measures agreed upon by California public purchasers and/or regulators, with improvement plans required for underperforming Issuers
  - Provider-to-member ratio: The number of providers per beneficiary
  - □ Active providers : The percentage of providers serving beneficiaries in the past year
  - □ Provision of telehealth services: The percentage of providers providing telehealth services
- To assess and improve Service Utilization and Quality, Covered California may launch a secret shopper survey utilizing questions from DHCS and CalPERS surveys in PY2026 with improvement plans required for underperforming Issuers
  - A repeat survey may be implemented biennially (every other year) if pervasive underperformance



### PROPOSED 2026-28 25/2/2 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### Model Contract Article 5 – Removal from the Exchange

- □ Annual assessment of QHP performance on QRS clinical measures
- Monitoring and remediation periods (two years each) for continued QHP clinical composite performance beneath the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile composite benchmark
- □ New static benchmark year established, Measurement Year (MY) 2024
- □ Removal of retired QRS measures from benchmark and composite score calculations
- Clinical measures added to QRS during contract cycle will be included and composite score calculations as benchmarks are published
- Minimum Performance Level (MPL) Action Plan requested for clinically significant measures falling beneath the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile for 2 consecutive years.



# **PROPOSED 2026-28 MODEL CONTRACT CHANGES**

#### **Model Contract**

Notable Changes to January Draft Model Contract	Rationale
Article 4 – Essential Community Providers No changes proposed	
Article 4 – Access No changes proposed	
Article 5 – Removal From the Exchange ("25/2/2") No changes proposed	



# Attachment 1 Advancing Equity, Quality, and Value



# **2026 – 2028 PROPOSED ATTACHMENT 1 REQUIREMENTS**

Attachment 1	Summary of Requirements
Article 1: Equity and Disparities Reduction	<ul> <li>Collect race, ethnicity, language, gender identity and sexual orientation demographic data</li> <li>Submit quality measure data stratified by race and ethnicity and review results with Covered CA</li> <li>Meet QTI health equity expectations</li> <li>Achieve NCQA Health Equity Accreditation by year end 2023</li> </ul>
Article 2: Behavioral Health	<ul> <li>Promote access to behavioral health services; offer telehealth for behavioral health</li> <li>Monitor behavioral and virtual behavioral health quality and oversee delegated entities</li> <li>Implement policies and programs to promote the appropriate use of opioids and tobacco treatment</li> <li>Provide staff cultural humility training, deploy culturally specific materials for marginalized groups, and implement behavioral health utilization disparity reduction emphasizing community engagement</li> <li>Annually report on behavioral health spending by product according to OHCA guidelines</li> <li>Promote the integration of behavioral health services with primary care services</li> </ul>
Article 3: Population Health	<ul> <li>Submit population health management plans</li> <li>Conduct prevention efforts including diabetes prevention</li> <li>Screen enrollees for food insecurity and support linkages to appropriate social services</li> <li>Support transitioning enrollees in the event of a QHP withdrawal</li> <li>Implement, monitor and report on best practices for use of Generative AI</li> </ul>



### **PROPOSED 2026-28 ARTICLE 1 CHANGES**

### **Article 1: Equity and Disparities Reduction**

Notable Changes to January Draft Attachment 1	Rationale
<b>Demographic Data Collection</b> No changes proposed	
Identifying Disparities in Care No changes proposed	
<b>Disparities Reduction</b> No changes proposed	
Health Equity Capacity Building No changes proposed	
Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Care No changes proposed	



### **PROPOSED 2026-28 ARTICLE 2 CHANGES**

#### **Article 2: Behavioral Health**

Notable Changes to January Draft Attachment 1	Rationale
Access to Behavioral Health Services No changes proposed	
Quality of Behavioral Health Services No changes proposed	
Substance Use Disorders No changes proposed	
Integration of Behavioral Health Services No changes proposed	
Behavioral Health Network Provider Oversight No changes proposed	



### **PROPOSED 2026-28 ARTICLE 3 REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Article 3: Population Health Management**

Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Qualified Health Plan Issuer Operations

- Align with federal requirements around Patient Care Decision Support Tools 45 C.F.R § 92.210 inclusive of but not limited to GenAI
- □ Incorporate evolving best practices for use of GenAI and healthcare into use cases
- □ Ensure transparency with members about the use of generative AI
- □ Implement processes to address and mitigate bias
- Participate in collaborative discussions and shared learnings across Issuers
- Report on:
  - Processes and approach to mitigate bias
  - □ GenAl Governance approach
  - □ GenAl use cases



### **ARTICLE 3 GEN AI COMMENTS KEY THEMES**

- Multiple Issuers and a trade association expressed concern for the operational and cost implications of notifying enrollees when GenAI or algorithms are used at the time decisions are made available to enrollees
- One Issuer and a trade association expressed concerns that GenAI contract requirements may extend to medical providers or propriety UM used for care decisions
- One stakeholder group requested clarity on how to apply these requirements in situations such as those mandated by SB 855



### **PROPOSED 2026-28 ARTICLE 3 CHANGES**

#### **Article 3: Population Health**

Notable Changes to January Draft Attachment 1	Rationale
Population Health Management No changes proposed	
Health Promotion and Prevention No changes proposed	
Supporting At-Risk Enrollees Requiring Transition No changes proposed	
Social Health	

No changes proposed

#### **Use of Generative AI: 3.05.4 – Enrollee Transparency**

"Provide written notice to a Covered California Enrollee when Contractor knowingly uses artificial intelligence including GenAl, algorithm, or other software for the purpose of utilization review or utilization management functions, based in whole or in part on medical necessity under the benefits provided by the QHP, at the time Contractor communicates the decision to the Enrollee in writing, including electronically. Notice may include information regarding Contractor's use of bias mitigation strategies. This requirement shall not apply to Contractor's medical groups or other delegated entities." The revised language balances ensuring transparency with enrollees about the use of AI within their healthcare decisions and maintaining operational practicality for issuers. It clarifies that issuers can incorporate this requirement into their existing written communication processes and exempts medical groups and delegated entities.



# **2026 – 2028 PROPOSED ATTACHMENT 1 REQUIREMENTS**

Attachment 1	Summary of Requirements	
Article 4: Delivery System and Payment Strategies to Drive Quality	<ul> <li>Match all enrollees to a PCP</li> <li>Increase value-based payment models for PCPs and report on total primary care spend in alignment w OHCA</li> <li>Review and improve member continuity of care measure results generated by Covered CA using HEI-submitted data</li> <li>Track provider organization and hospital quality and costs and report on improvement efforts</li> <li>Participate in collaborative engagement with Hospitals, Covered California, Issuers and Cal Healthcare Compare to analyze performance variation and engage with poor performing hospitals</li> <li>Report on Alternative Payment Model (APM) adoption and Total Cost of Healthcare Expenditures in alignment with OHCA</li> <li>Monitor maternal health disparities and report on intervention efforts; implement strategy to increase access to doulas and midwives</li> <li>Report all virtual care solutions and vendors in place, provide member support for navigating virtual services, review virtual care service utilization and address disparities using HEI data</li> <li>Report participation in quality collaboratives</li> </ul>	
Article 5: Measurement and Data Sharing	<ul> <li>Participate in QRS and submit QRS measure results to Covered California</li> <li>Submit data to Covered California for the Healthcare Evidence Initiative (HEI)</li> <li>Execute Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) as required by Health and Safety Code section 130290 and participate in at least one QHIO</li> <li>Implement and maintain a secure Patient Access API, and report on its use</li> <li>Submit data to the Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA)</li> </ul>	
Article 6: Accreditation	Achieve NCQA health plan accreditation by year end 2024	
		23

### **PROPOSED 2026-28 ARTICLE 4 CHANGES**

#### **Article 4: Delivery System and Payment Strategies to Drive Quality**

Notable Changes to January Draft Attachment 1	Rationale
Advanced Primary Care No changes proposed	
Networks Based on Value No changes proposed	
Use of Virtual Care No changes proposed	
Participation in Quality Collaboratives No changes proposed	



### **PROPOSED 2026-28 ARTICLES 5 AND 6 CHANGES**

**Article 5: Measurement and Data Exchange** 

Article 6: Certification, Accreditation, and Regulation

Notable Changes to January Draft Attachment 1	Rationale
Article 5 – Measurement and Analytics No changes proposed	
Article 5 – Data Sharing and Exchange No changes proposed	
Article 6 – QHP Accreditation No changes proposed	



# CCSB QHP 2026-2028 ATTACHMENT 1

#### Article 1 Equity and Disparities Reduction - no change to substantive requirements

• continue NCQA Health Equity Accreditation requirement (not small group-specific)

#### Article 2 Behavioral Health - no change to substantive requirements

continue all 2023-2025 requirements

#### Article 3 Population Health - no change to substantive requirements

- continue simplified Diabetes Prevention Program requirement
- continue Transitions of Care requirement

#### Article 4 Delivery System and Payment Reform Strategies - no change to substantive requirements

- continue provider costs reporting
- continue telehealth reporting
- continue participation in quality collaboratives

#### Article 5 Measurement and Data Sharing - no change to substantive requirements

• Continue all 2023-2025 requirements: Quality Rating System and Healthcare Evidence Initiative reporting

#### Article 6 Certification, Accreditation, and Regulation - no change to substantive requirements

• Continue requirement to achieve and maintain NCQA Health Plan Accreditation



### **Attachment 2 Performance Standards with Penalties**



# **PROPOSED 2026-2028 ATTACHMENT 2 REQUIREMENTS**

Performance Area	Performance Standards with Penalties	Percent of At- Risk Amount 2026-2028
Health Disparities	1. Reducing Health Disparities: Demographic Data Collection – Enrollee Race and Ethnicity Self-Identification	10%
20%	2. Reducing Health Disparities: Demographic Data Collection – Enrollee Spoken and Written Language	10%
Engagement in Collaboratives 10%	3. Engagement in Collaboratives and with Community	10%
Data 40%	4. Healthcare Evidence Initiative (HEI) Data Submission	40%
Oral Health	5. Dental Quality Alliance (DQA) Pediatric Measure Set – Pediatric Oral Evaluation, Dental Services (NQF #2517)	5%
10%	6. Dental Quality Alliance (DQA) Pediatric Measure Set – Pediatric Topical Fluoride for Children, Dental Services (NQF #2528)	5%
Utilization & Primary Care	7. Utilization & Primary Care: Overall Engagement with Members	10%
20%	8. Utilization & Primary Care: Monitoring Continuity of Care	10%



# **PROPOSED 2026-28 ATTACHMENT 2 CHANGES**

#### Attachment 2

Notable Changes to January Draft Attachment 2	Rationale
No changes proposed	



### **Attachment 4 Quality Transformation Initiative**



# **PROPOSED 2026-28 ATTACHMENT 4 REQUIREMENTS**

- □ Proposed QTI Measure Set:
  - 1. Blood Pressure Control for Patients with Hypertension (BPC-E) *if adopted by CMS QRS by MY2026, otherwise will continue with CBP*
  - 2. Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes (GSD) >9%
  - 3. Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-E)
  - 4. Childhood Immunization Status (CIS-E)
  - 5. Depression Screening and Follow-Up for Adolescents and Adults (DSF-E) pending CMS QRS benchmarks
  - 6. Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder (POD) (Reporting Only)
- Proposed Benchmark: 66th percentile using national Exchange benchmark for CMS QRS measure and held static over contract cycle.
- Proposed Amount at Risk for QTI:

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- □ Newly contracted QHP issuers to start at 1% of premium at risk in year 1 of QTI eligibility
- □ Up to 2.8% of premium at risk for MY2026 for currently contracted QHP issuers
- □ Up to 3.8% of premium at risk for MY2027 and MY2028 for currently contracted QHP issuers
- □ No more than 1% increase annually

### **PROPOSED 2026-28 ATTACHMENT 4 REQUIREMENTS**

### Health Equity Methodology

- Stratified measure results replace "all-population" measure results for colorectal cancer screening and blood pressure measures
- Assessment of QTI payments for these measures will be based on performance of stratified eligible subpopulations
- "Eligible Subpopulation" means the following stratified subpopulations, as defined by the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) or Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Race and Ethnicity Code Set, with at least 100 self-reported members in the denominator: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White. Eligible Subpopulation shall also include Multirace, used when an individual reports two or more CDC codes that cross higher OMB concepts
- All Other Members" means pooled results from members of the following subpopulations, as defined by OMB or CDC: Other Race, or Unknown, used when an individual has not reported race or ethnicity or where data is missing or inaccurate. All Other Members shall also include pooled results from members of subpopulations that would be Eligible Subpopulations but have fewer than 100 identified enrollees in the denominator.



# **PROPOSED 2026-28 ATTACHMENT 4 CHANGES**

#### Attachment 4

Notable Changes to January Draft Attachment 4	Rationale
QTI Scored and Reporting-Only Measure Sets No changes proposed	
Race and Ethnicity Stratification and Methodology No changes proposed	
Benchmarks and QTI Payments No changes proposed	
QTI Performance Report No changes proposed	



### PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT RELEASE YEAR 2024

Dr. Barbara Rubino & Chelsea Hart-Connor



### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT RELEASED IN 2024**





# **CHANGES FOR PPR RELEASED IN 2024**

### What we continued to do:

- Publish QHP-level QRS measure performance
- Publish select QHP-level measures extracted from HEI, stratified by race and ethnicity
- Publish plan-reported data via template submissions & cert app on contract compliance

### What changed:

- Phased release of results as data became available throughout the year
- Additional measures and stratifications
  - All population results
  - New measures on utilization, behavioral health, and telehealth
  - Stratified results by race or ethnicity subpopulation, income, language, and geography
- Application of statistical testing to highlight disparities with statistical significance
- User-centered formatting and readability
  - Summative visuals
  - Key findings slides
  - Accompanying executive summary documents


# PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT: HEI ENHANCEMENTS

## Release Year 2023 Measures

- Adult Preventive Visits
- Ambulatory Emergency Room Visits
- Breast Cancer Screening
- Diabetes Hemoglobin A1c Testing
- · Proportion of Days Covered

Additional Release Year 2024 Measures

- Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder (POD)
- Concurrent Use of Opioids and Benzodiazepines (COB)
- Use of High Dose Opioids (HDO)
- Primary Care Visits / 1000

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- Behavioral Health Visits / 1000
- PC Telehealth Visits / 1000
- BH Telehealth Visits / 1000
- Non-utilization of care

	*Stratified by
	Race and ethnicity
ר [	Subpopulation for Asian American, Hispanic-Latino
	Preferred Language
	Income (FPL band)
	Geography
	Subpopulation for Asian American, Hispanic-Latino Preferred Language Income (FPL band)



# PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT: QRS ENHANCEMENTS

"Key Findings" slides:
Available throughout each section of the QRS PPR reports

Summarize data for a large set of slides to highlight high and low performance
 Call attention to major

trends or YoY changes

### POPULATION HEALTH

### **Key Findings**

#### Low Performance:

- Valley Health Plan HMO and Anthem EPO performed at or below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile for 8 out of 20 reportable measures.
- The majority of QHPs, which account for over 50% of members measured, are performing at or below the national 50th percentile for the following measures:
  - Asthma Medication Ratio
  - Controlling High Blood Pressure
  - International Normalized Ratio Monitoring for Individuals on Warfarin
  - Medical Assistance with Smoking & Tobacco Use Cessation
  - Proportion of Days Covered (RAS Antagonists), (Diabetes Care), and (Statins)
  - Rating of All Health Care
  - Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life

### Population Health Measure Considerations:

- The measures listed below had insufficient denominator size for 4 or more QHPs in MY2023, making it challenging to address trends over time:
  - Medical Assistance with Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation
  - Rating of All Health Care



## **PRIMARY CARE**



# **CHILD AND ADOLESCENT WELL-CARE VISITS**



## HEI

### ALL POPULATION PERFORMANCE Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits Summary

- **Definition**: The Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visit measure is the percentage of members, 3-21 years of age, who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a primary care or an OB/GYN practitioner during the year.
- Key Findings:
  - Overall rates of Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits decreased between 2019 and 2020 likely due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in 2021-2023 remain steady and below pre-pandemic levels.
  - Stratification by rural versus urban geography revealed persistently lower rates of Well-Care Visits for members living in rural zip codes as compared with those living in urban zip codes in 2019-2023, with a notably significant 5% to 10% rate percentage point difference each year.
  - Stratification by race/ethnicity, income, and language preference did not result in persistent statistically significant differences in the rates of Well-Care Visits from 2019-2023, except in select years as noted below.
    - In 2021-2022, members identifying with Multiple Asian Races exhibited statistically significant higher rates of Well Care Visits compared to other Asian American subpopulations.
    - In 2020-2021, members identifying as Cuban showed statistically significant higher rates of Well Care Visits than those in other Hispanic/Latino subpopulations.

## HEI

### ALL POPULATION PERFORMANCE Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits Trend Over Time



### ALL POPULATION PERFORMANCE Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits with Other Stratifications

Language	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Income	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All Population	46%	33%	41%	41%	41%	All Population	46%	33%	41%	41%	41%
Arabic	21%	28%	36%		34%	0 to ≤138	40%	29%	35%	34%	34%
Armenian	44%	38%	29%	45%	33%	>138 to <150	26%	17%	31%	19%	17%
Cantonese	35%	24%	33%	32%	36%	≥150 to <200	25%	16%	20%	20%	18%
English	47%	33%	42%	42%	41%	≥200 to <250	28%	17%	22%	23%	21%
Farsi	52%	25%	38%	33%		≥250 to <400	49%	35%	42%	42%	41%
Korean	36%	29%	31%	31%	30%	≥400	43%	38%	46%	47%	47%
Mandarin	41%	26%	38%	40%	39%	Unsubsidized	53%	39%	49%	46%	44%
Russian	38%	19%	28%	30%	31%	Geography	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Spanish	38%	25%	32%	32%	31%	All Population	46%	33%	41%	41%	41%
Tagalog	38%		43%			Rural	37%	25%	33%	36%	34%
Vietnamese	43%	31%	36%	36%	29%	Urban	47%	33%	41%	41%	41%

Values marked as low rate outliers, based on z-scores or Interquartile Range, are identified with a red box. High rate outliers are identified with a blue circle. Blank cells are suppressed data due to counts too low to report.



- Definition: The Child and Adolescent Well Care Visit measure is the percentage of members, aged 3-21 years, who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a primary care or an OB/GYN practitioner during the year.
- Key Findings:
  - While Blue Shield PPO and Sharp Health Plan HMO consistently have the highest All Population rates of Well Care Visits, and Health Net EPO and Valley Health Plan HMO has the lowest All Population rates, these differences in performance between QHPs are not statistically significant.
  - When stratifying by race/ethnicity, Blue Shield PPO (2022 and 2023) and Sharp HMO (2022) have multiple occurrences of statistically significantly higher Well Care Visit rates for multiple subpopulations as compared to other QHPs.

### QHP PERFORMANCE Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits by QHP Over Time



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## **BREAST CANCER SCREENING**



### ALL POPULATION PERFORMANCE

## **Breast Cancer Screening by Federal Poverty Level Over Time**



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### ALL POPULATION PERFORMANCE Breast Cancer Screening by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All Population	66%	63%	63%	66%	67%
American Indian / Alaska Native	65%	59%	59%	66%	66%
Asian American	63%	59%	59%	63%	63%
Black or African American	69%	67%	68%	70%	69%
Hispanic or Latino	69%	67%	65%	68%	68%
Multi-racial	66%	63%	62%	67%	66%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	68%	64%	61%	65%	67%
Non-Respondent	65%	62%	62%	65%	66%
Other	67%	64%	64%	68%	68%
White	67%	64%	64%	67%	69%

Values marked as low rate outliers, based on z-scores or Interquartile Range, are identified with a red box. High rate outliers are identified with a blue circle. Blank cells are suppressed data due to counts too low to report.

# **EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS PER 1,000 MEMBERS**



# HEI Emergency Room Visits per 1,000 Members by Race/Ethnicity



### ALL POPULATION PERFORMANCE Emergency Room Visits per 1,000 Members by Race/Ethnicity

Race	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Ethnicity	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All Asian America n Population	94	75	90	99	102	All Hispanic/Latino Pop ulation	193	161	186	196	192
Asian Indian	168	144	172	179	182	Guatemalan	200	169	195	197	190
Cambodian	107	79	95	101	90	Mexican/Mexican A merican/Chicano	183	156	179	191	190
Chinese	71	55	69	80	83	Other	194	159	184	194	188
Filipino	133	106	118	126	125	Puerto Rican	234	151	214	245	221
Hmong	147	89	85	103	96						
Japanese	75	57	69	74	79	Salvadorian	195	170	182	183	182
Korean	71	52	62	67	69	Cuban	181	135	134	165	163
Laotian	148	110	160	136	109						
Mixed Race	90	73	78	79	80						
Other Asian America n	93	82	97	107	106						
Vietnamese	79	64	70	80	82						

Values marked as high rate outliers (lower is better measure), based on z-scores or Interquartile Range, are identified with a red box. Lower rate outliers (lower is better) are identified with a blue circle.

Blank cells are suppressed data due to counts too low to report.

## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**



### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment

	MY 2018	MY 2019	MY 2020	MY 2021		MY	2022	
Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment	US Benchmark	US Benchmark	US Benchmark	US Benchmark	US Benchmark	Percent of Enrollees	Number of Enrollees	Number of Plans
Plans at 90th Percentile and Above	31 +	32 +	31 +	31 +	31 +	36%	606,930	1
Plans at 66th to 90th Percentile	25 to <31	26 to <32	26 to <31	25 to <31	28 to <31	36%	610,720	4
Plans at 50th to 66th Percentile	23 to <25	24 to <26	24 to <26	24 to <25	24 to <28	7%	114,750	1
Plans at 25th to 50th Percentile	19 to <23	19 to <24	20 to <24	20 to <24	20 to <24	17%	291,400	4
Plans Below 25th Percentile	Below 19	Below 19	Below 20	Below 20	Below 20	4%	65,780	4
Covered California Plan-Specific Performance	MY 2018	MY 2019	MY 2020	MY 2021		MY 2022		
Anthem HMO				27	29	5%	79,750	
Anthem EPO	22	18	18	19	20	5%	79,160	
Blue Shield HMO	26	25	25	22	29	8%	137,400	
Blue Shield PPO	26	26	26	25	30	21%	354,470	
ССНР НМО	22				18	<1%	3,540	
Health Net HMO	20	19	19	21	23	6%	97,350	
Health Net EPO						<1%	520	
Health Net PPO		24	24	29	31	2%	39,100	
Kaiser Permanente HMO	38	42	42	35	35	36%	606,930	
LA Care HMO	27	34	34	29	24	7%	114,750	
Molina Healthcare HMO	17	19	19	24	22	4%	64,840	
Oscar Health Plan EPO	45	20	20	18	22	3%	50,050	
Sharp Health Plan HMO	17	16	16	18	18	2%	32,110	
Valley Health Plan HMO	18	12	12	17	14	1%	20,570	
Western Health Advantage HMO	16	11	11	17	13	1%	9,560	

- Measure Description: The Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment measure, is the percentage of members,13 years of age and older, with a substance use disorder, who got behavioral health followup care at several points after being diagnosed.
- **Notable Trend:** From MY2021 to MY2022, the number of plans performing at or above the 66<sup>th</sup> percentile remained consistent at 5.
- **High Performance:** In MY2022, 5 out 14 plans products scored at or above the 66<sup>th</sup> percentile of national performance. These QHPs account for 72% of the measured population.
- Low Performance: In MY2022, 8 out of 14 plan products scored below the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of national performance. These QHPs account for 21% of the measured population.



## HEI

### ALL POPULATION PERFORMANCE Behavioral Health Visits per 1,000 Members with Other Stratifications

Language	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All Population	528	514	614	667	732
Arabic	45	30	80	115	176
Armenian	137	78	87	87	154
Cambodian	53	47	17	57	65
Cantonese	47	50	63	65	54
English	650	628	742	800	877
Hindi					70
Farsi	298	352	374	496	439
Hmong					65
Korean	44	43	55	62	43
Mandarin	48	41	56	57	55
Punjabi			200	298	131
Russian	143	133	131	114	110
Spanish	88	88	102	106	108
Tagalog	31	38	48	85	90
Vietnamese	24	23	46	47	39

Income	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All Population	528	514	614	667	732
0 to ≤138	743	707	813	773	773
>138 to <150	688	643	739	777	871
≥150 to <200	525	532	635	698	730
≥200 to <250	403	409	481	539	589
≥250 to <400	410	401	484	550	628
≥400	4268	534	622	711	799
Unsubsidized	677	691	843	973	1053

Geography	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All Population	528	514	614	667	732
Rural	395	399	428	474	504
Urban	535	519	624	677	745

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CALIFORNIA Values marked as low rate outliers, based on z-scores or Interquartile Range, are identified with a red box. High rate outliers are identified with a blue circle. Blank cells are suppressed data due to counts too low to report.

Some notably high values were not highlighted due to a low denominator, affecting their reliability.

## HEI

### ALL POPULATION PERFORMANCE Behavioral Health Care Through Telehealth with Other Stratifications

Language	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All Population	4%	62%	78%	76%	75%
Arabic		75%	74%	70%	87%
Armenian		72%	92%	62%	86%
Cambodian		50%		57%	64%
Cantonese	5%	70%	78%	67%	72%
English	4%	62%	78%	76%	75%
Farsi	4%	62%	69%	63%	64%
Hindi					93%
Hmong					
Korean	3%	51%	73%	65%	84%
Mandarin	3%	66%	79%	70%	68%
Punjabi			84%	87%	92%
Russian		60%	81%	82%	80%
Spanish	4%	65%	80%	74%	71%
Tagalog		76%	89%	78%	88%
Vietnamese	5%	58%	82%	77%	75%

Income	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All Population	4%	62%	78%	76%	75%
0 to ≤138	4%	58%	80%	79%	77%
>138 to <150	3%	60%	78%	75%	74%
≥150 to <200	4%	63%	80%	78%	77%
≥200 to <250	5%	64%	79%	78%	76%
≥250 to <400	4%	65%	79%	77%	77%
≥400	5%	62%	77%	75%	74%
Unsubsidized	4%	57%	74%	70%	72%

Geography	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All Population	4%	62%	78%	76%	75%
Rural	5%	58%	69%	66%	65%
Urban	4%	62%	79%	77%	76%

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## **POPULATION HEALTH**



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### EQUITY & DISPARITIES REDUCTION NCQA Health Equity Accreditation

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Anthem	X	X	✓	$\checkmark$
Blue Shield	X	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Chinese Community	X	X	X	X
Health Net	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Kaiser Permanente – North	X	X	X	$\checkmark$
Kaiser Permanente – South	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓	$\checkmark$
LA Care	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓	$\checkmark$
Molina Healthcare	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓	$\checkmark$
Oscar Health Plan	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Sharp Health Plan	×	×	×	$\checkmark$
Valley Health Plan	×	×	×	$\checkmark$
Western Health Advantage	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

- NCQA transitioned the Multicultural Health Care Distinction to Health Equity Accreditation as of 2022
- This accreditation recognizes efforts around demographic data collection, culturally competent care and reducing health disparities
- This accreditation was not contractually required until 2023
- "Not Offered" indicates that the carrier did not offer that plan product to consumers during the plan year



## **DATA SHARING**



### DATA SHARING & EXCHANGE Participation in Health Information Exchanges (HIEs)

Health plans are required to actively participate in Health Information Exchanges (HIEs) within the California Trusted Exchange Network (CTEN), engage in bi-directional data exchanges with these HIEs, report on specific data exchange activities, collaborate on statewide data exchange strategies, and support hospitals in meeting CMS interoperability requirements.

Key reasons why it is important for health plans to adhere to these data exchange requirements include:

•Improving Patient Care and Health Outcomes: Efficient and effective data exchange enables better population health management, clinical care coordination, and personalized patient care, leading to improved health outcomes. Sharing data among all stakeholders in healthcare ensures that providers have access to the full picture of a patient's health, allowing for more informed decision-making and proactive management of health conditions.

•Enhancing Healthcare Efficiency and Reducing Costs: By streamlining the data sharing process and reducing reliance on paper-based systems, healthcare costs can be significantly lowered. This includes not only the direct costs associated with healthcare delivery but also the indirect costs such as those related to administrative overhead and time spent coordinating care across different providers. Efficient data exchange can reduce duplicate tests and procedures, saving both time and resources.

•Promoting Equity and Access in Healthcare: The contract highlights the importance of data exchange initiatives that specifically aim to enhance health equity and access. By capturing enhanced demographic and social risk factor data, health plans can better identify and address disparities in healthcare access and outcomes. This focus on equity ensures that all populations, particularly those historically underserved or at risk, receive the care and resources necessary to achieve optimal health.



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### DATA SHARING & EXCHANGE Participation in Health Information Exchanges (HIEs)

	Aetna	Anthem	Blue Shield	ССНР	Health Net	Kaiser	LA Care	Molina	Sharp	Valley	WHA
Percent and Number of Network Hospitals Sending ADT Alerts	95% Hospitals	38% Hospitals	75% Hospitals	93% Hospitals	82% Hospitals	100% Hospitals	71% Hospitals	39% Hospitals	100% Hospitals	25% Hospitals	100% Hospitals
	Not Provided	97 Hospitals	285 Hospitals	13 Hospitals	147 Hospitals	37 Hospitals	52 Hospitals	47 Hospital	7 Hospitals	3 Hospitals	15 Hospitals
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		*^SacValley MedShare			*^Los Angeles Network for Enhanced Services	*^Orange County Partnership	eConnect	Health Connect	California Immunization Registry		
					*^San Diego Health Connect	*^San Diego Health Connect	Point Click Care	Point Click Care			
					*^SacValley MedShare	*Santa Cruz		Riverside University Health System			
					^Cozeva	Providence HIE		Loma Linda University Medical Center			
					Point Click Care						



# PY2026 CA ENHANCED COST SHARING PROGRAM AND ENHANCED BENEFIT DESIGNS



## PY2026 BENEFIT DESIGNS AND CA ENHANCED COST-SHARING REDUCTION PROGRAM

- At the January Board Meeting, Covered California proposed ACA-Compliant Standard Benefit Designs for Plan Year 2026 and will request Board action on these designs at the February Board Meeting next week
- We will also introduce the Plan Year 2026 California Enhanced Cost- Sharing Reduction Program, including the Plan Year 2026 Enhanced Benefit Designs
  - Covered California proposes to maintain the parameters of the PY2025 program, including enhancing all silver enrollees without income eligibility restrictions
  - The enhanced designs will be held steady from the PY2025 program, including:
  - Eliminating all deductibles, prioritizing lowering generic drug costs, and lowering office copays and Maximum Out of Pocket amounts, among other enhancements
  - PMPM amounts will be updated in the Program Documents to reflect changes in the from 2025 to 2026 baseline benefit designs



## **2026 ENHANCED BENEFIT DESIGNS**

Benefit		Individual-only Silver			er 73		hanced ilver 73	Silver 87				hanced ilver 87		Silve	Silver 94		hanced Silver 94			
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Deductible				2.04							2.04									
Medical Deductible			\$5,200		\$5,200		\$0			\$1,400		\$0	_		\$0		\$0			
Drug Deductible			\$50		\$50		\$0			\$50		\$0			\$0		\$0			
Coinsurance (Member)			30%		30%		30%			20%		20%			10%		10%			
MOOP		:	\$9,800		\$8,100		\$6,100			\$3,350		\$3,000			\$1,400		\$1,150			
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Primary Care Visit			\$50		\$50		\$35			<u>20%</u> \$15		<u>20%</u> \$15	F		10% \$5		10% \$5		*	Drug cap applies to all
Specialist Visit			\$90 \$90		\$50 \$90		<u>৯৩০</u> \$85			\$15 \$25		\$15	-		<del>حد</del> \$8		\$5 \$8		*	tiers Additive adjustmer
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maging (CT/PET Scans, MRIs)			\$325		\$325		\$325			\$100		\$100	F		\$50		\$50			Increased member c
Speech Therapy			\$50		\$50		\$35			\$100 \$15		\$100	F		\$50 \$5		\$5	KEY		from 2025 Decreased member of
Occupational and Physical Therapy			\$50 \$50		\$50 \$50		\$35 \$35			\$15 \$15		\$15	F		\$5 \$5		\$5			from 2025
_aboratory Services			\$50 \$50		\$50 \$50		\$50			\$30		\$20	F		\$10		\$3 \$8			Enhanced member o
Aboratory Services X-rays and Diagnostic Imaging			\$95		\$95		\$95			\$50 \$50		<u>\$20</u> \$40	F		\$10 \$10		\$0 \$8			from 2026
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Dutpatient Physician Fee			30%		30%		30%			20%		20%	F		10%		10%			
ier 1 (Generics)			\$19		\$19		\$15			\$8		\$5			\$3		\$3			
Tier 2 (Preferred Brand)		Х	\$60	Х	\$55		\$55		Х	\$25		\$25			\$10		\$10			
Tier 3 (Nonpreferred Brand)		Х	\$90	Х	\$85		\$85		Х	\$45		\$45			\$15		\$15			
Fier 4 (Specialty)		Х	20%	Х	20%		20%		Х	15%		15%			10%		10%			
Fier 4 Maximum Coinsurance		\$25	0	\$2	250	\$2	250		\$1	50	\$1	150		\$1	50	\$	150			
Actuarial Value																				
2026 AV (Final 2026 AVC)		71.6	6	73	8.69	80	.37		87	.80	89	.60		94	.81	95	5.39			



## **2026 PATIENT-CENTERED BENEFIT DESIGNS**

	Individual- only Platinum Coinsurance			ndividual- only Platinum Copay		dividual- only Gold insurance	Go	vidual-only old Copay		dividual- only Silver	Silve	er 73	CA Enhance CSR Silver 7		Silver 87	CA CS	A Enhanced SR Silver 87	d Silver 94			Enhanced R Silver 94	в	ronze	Bror	nze HDHP				
Benefit		i																											
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Deductible																									\$7,200				
Medical Deductible										\$5,200	\$	5,200	\$0		\$1,400		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$5,800						
Drug Deductible			1							\$50		\$50	\$0		\$50		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$450						
Coinsurance (Member)		10%		10%		20%		20%		30%		30%	30%		20%		20%		10%		10%		40%		0%				
MOOP		\$5,000		\$5,000		\$9,200		\$9,200		\$9,800		8,100	\$6,100		\$3,350		\$3,000		\$1,400		\$1,150		\$9,800		\$7,200				
ED Facility Fee		\$175		\$175		\$350		\$350		\$400		\$400	\$350		\$200		\$150		\$50		\$50	Х	40%	Х	0%				
Inpatient Facility Fee		10%		\$225		30%		\$375	Х	30%	Х	30%	30%	X	20%		20%		10%		10%	Х	40%	Х	0%				
Inpatient Physician Fee		10%				30%				30%		30%	30%		20%		20%		10%		10%	Х	40%	Х	0%				
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Specialist Visit		\$30		\$30		\$70		\$70		\$90		\$90	\$85		\$25		\$25		\$8		\$8	Х	\$95	Х	0%			Drug cap applie tiers	
MH/SU Outpatient Services		\$15		\$15		\$40		\$40		\$50		\$50	\$35		\$15		\$15		\$5		\$5		\$60	Х	0%		-	Additive adj	
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Occupational and Physical Therapy		\$15		\$15		\$40		\$40		\$50		\$50	\$35		\$15		\$15		\$5		\$5		\$60	Х		KEY		from 2 Decreased me	
Laboratory Services		\$15		\$15		\$40		\$40		\$50		\$50	\$50		\$30		\$20		\$10		\$8		\$50	Х	0%			from 2	
X-rays and Diagnostic Imaging		\$30		\$30		\$75		\$75		\$95		\$95	\$95		\$50		\$40		\$10		\$8	Х	40%	Х	0%			Enhanced me	
Skilled Nursing Facility		10%		\$125		30%		\$150	Х	30%		30%	30%		( 20%		20%		10%		10%	Х	40%	Х	0%			from 2	.026
Outpatient Facility Fee		10%		\$75		30%		\$130		30%		30%	30%		20%		20%		10%		10%	Х	40%	Х	0%			Within .5 of uppe	er de minimis
Outpatient Physician Fee		10%		\$20		30%		\$60		30%		30%	30%		20%		20%	_	10%		10%	X	40%	Х	0%			Securely w	
Tier 1 (Generics)		\$9		\$9		\$18		\$18		\$19		\$19	\$15		\$8		\$5		\$3		\$3		\$20	Х	0%				
Tier 2 (Preferred Brand)		\$16		\$16		\$60		\$60	Х	\$60	Х	\$55	\$55	X	\$25		\$25		\$10		\$10	Х	40%	Х	0%				
Tier 3 (Nonpreferred Brand)		\$25		\$25		\$85		\$85	Х	\$90	Х	\$85	\$85	X	\$45		\$45		\$15		\$15	Х	40%	Х	0%				
Tier 4 (Specialty)		10%		10%		20%		20%	Х	20%	X	20%	20%	X	15%		15%		10%		10%	Х	40%	Х	0%				
Tier 4 Maximum Coinsurance		\$250		\$250		\$250		\$250		\$250	\$2	250	\$250		\$150		\$150		\$150		\$150	\$	500*						
Maximum Days for charging IP copay				5																									
Begin Specialist deductible after # of copays																							3						
Actuarial Value																													
2026 AV (Final 2026 AVC)		91.92		91.76		81.39		81.73		71.66	73	.69	80.37		87.80		89.60	g	94.81		95.39	6	<u>3.49</u>		<u>64.76</u>				

