

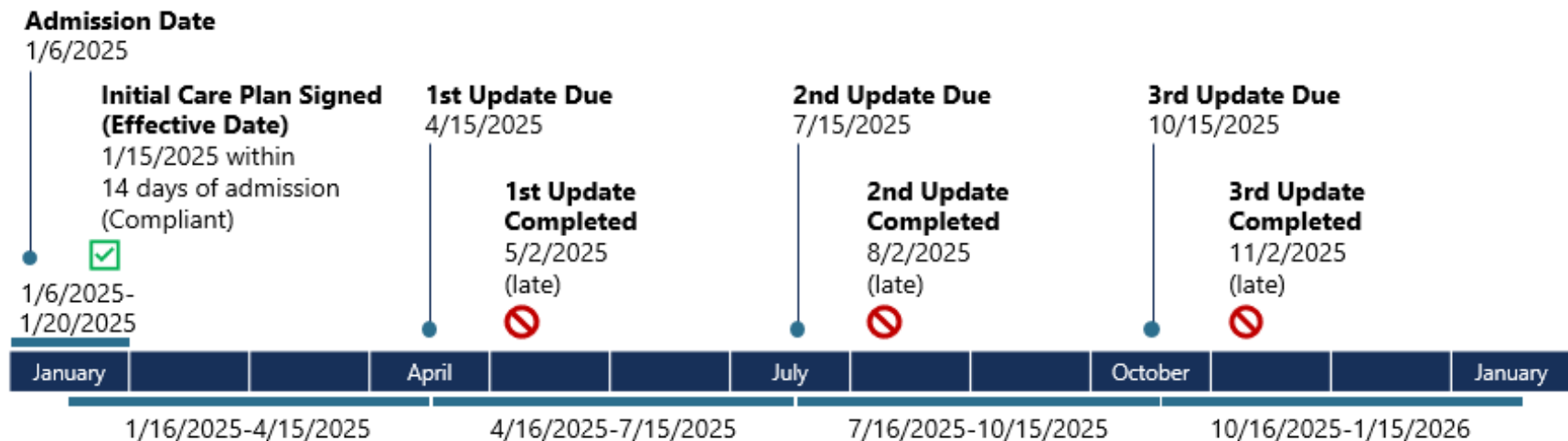
- » **OLD:** California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 9, Chapter 4, Section 10305(e): "Within twenty-eight (28) calendar days after initiation of maintenance treatment the primary counselor shall develop the patient's initial maintenance treatment plan..."
- » **NEW:** Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) 25-008 CCR, Title 9, Section 10305(d)(1): "Within fourteen (14) calendar days following admission, the counselor shall develop the patient's initial care plan, which shall include the patient's short-term and long-term goals and mutually agreed-upon actions for the patient to meet those goals..."  
BHIN 25-008 CCR, Title 9, Section 10305(d)(e): "The effective date of the initial care plan is the day the counselor signed the initial care plan."
- » **OLD:** CCR, Title 9, Chapter 4, Section 10305(f): "The primary counselor shall evaluate and update the patient's maintenance treatment plan whenever necessary or at least once every three months from the date of admission."
- » **NEW:** BHIN 25-008 CCR, Title 9, Section 10305(e): "The counselor shall evaluate and update the patient's care plan whenever necessary or at least once every three months from the effective date of the initial care plan."  
BHIN 25-008 CCR, Title 9, Section 10305(e)(5): The effective date of the updated care plan is the day the counselor signed the updated care plan.

## Noncompliance Care Plan Scenario

- » The initial care plan must be developed within fourteen (14) calendar days of admission
- » The initial care plan must be updated whenever necessary or at least once every three months from the effective date of the initial care plan.
- » The effective date is the date the counselor signs the patient's initial care plan.

### In the scenario below

- » Patient is admitted on 1/6/2025.
- » Initial care plan is signed by the counselor (made effective) on 1/15/2025 which is within 14 days of the patient's admission in compliance with the law.
- » 1<sup>st</sup> care plan update that is due by 4/15/2025 is not completed until 5/2/2025.
- » 2<sup>nd</sup> care plan update that is due by 7/15/2025 is not completed until 8/2/2025.
- » 3<sup>rd</sup> care plan update that is due by 10/15/2025 is not completed until 11/2/2025.



## Compliant Care Plan Scenario

- » The initial care plan must be developed within fourteen (14) calendar days of admission and updated whenever necessary or at least once every three months from the effective date of the initial care plan.
- » The effective date is the date the counselor signs the patient's initial care plan.

### In the scenario below

- » Patient is admitted on 1/26/2025.
- » Initial care plan is effective (signed) on 2/2/2025, within 14 days of the patient's admission date.
- » 1<sup>st</sup> care plan update is completed on 5/2/2025, within three months from the initial care plan effective date (date signed).
- » 2<sup>nd</sup> care plan update is completed on and due by 8/2/2025.
- » 3<sup>rd</sup> care plan update is completed on 10/2/2025 before the due date of 11/2/2025.
- » 4<sup>th</sup> care plan update is completed on 1/3/2026 before the due date of 2/2/2026.

