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TO: California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators  
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.  
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs  
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals  
California Behavioral Health Association  
California Hospital Association  
California Opioid Maintenance Providers  
California State Association of Counties  
Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations  
County Behavioral Health Directors  
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California  
County Association of Highway Patrolmen  
California Peace Officer Association  
Disability Rights California  
Psychiatric Health Facility Administrators  
Mental Health Rehabilitation Center Directors  
United States Department of Veterans Affairs

SUBJECT: Seclusion and Restraint Data Reporting

PURPOSE: To notify County Behavioral Health Directors of the required new method for reporting seclusion and restraint data to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

REFERENCE: Health and Safety Code Section [1180.3](#)

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**California Department of Health Care Services**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Health and Safety Code Section 1180.3, requires DHCS to collect and publicly report data on the use of seclusion and behavioral restraint in Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers (MHRCs), Psychiatric Health Facilities (PHFs), and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs). DHCS is responsible for publishing this data quarterly on its website. The data includes the number of deaths occurring during or reasonably related to the use of seclusion or behavioral restraints; the number of serious injuries sustained by individuals while in seclusion or under behavioral restraint; the number of serious injuries sustained by staff during such incidents; the number of seclusion and behavioral restraint incidents; the duration of each incident; and the number of times involuntary emergency medications are used to control behavior.

DHCS is modernizing the collection process for seclusion and restraint data to support compliance and improve regulatory oversight. DHCS is replacing the current manual data submission process with a centralized online system called Nintex to ensure timely, accurate, and standardized reporting. This system will improve data integrity through built-in validation features and enhance analytical capabilities by enabling structured data analysis. Nintex will also support timely submission tracking, proactive identification of missing or anomalous data, and secure storage of sensitive information. These improvements align with DHCS' strategic goal of innovation and its commitment to strengthening organizational excellence and improving the lives of Californians. This change in data collection methodology will foster a more responsive and accountable oversight framework for behavioral health practices statewide by streamlining data collection, enhancing accuracy, and ensuring regulatory compliance.

**POLICY:**

All licensed MHRCs, PHFs, and PRTFs must submit seclusion and restraint data required by Health and Safety Code Section 1180.3 to DHCS' Mental Health Licensing and Certification Branch on a quarterly basis. Facilities must submit the data directly into the Nintex platform. The Nintex platform can be accessed at: [SECLUSION & BEHAVIORAL RESTRAINT DATA COLLECTION QUARTERLY REPORT: HEALTH AND SAFETY H&S CODE 1180](#). Data must be submitted to DHCS by the 15th of the month following the end of each calendar quarter.

MHRCs, PHFs, and PRTFs must begin using the Nintex platform to submit seclusion and restraint data effective July 1, 2026, for the reporting period from April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026. This data is due to DHCS by July 15, 2026.

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If you have any questions regarding this BHIN, please contact the Mental Health Licensing and Certification Branch at [MHData@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:MHData@dhcs.ca.gov) or (916) 323-1864.

Sincerely,

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