



BHT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

EQ-2: Disparities in Behavioral Health Services for People with Significant Mental Health Needs

FY 24-25 Rates

As part of California’s Behavioral Health Transformation (BHT), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has developed BHT performance measures intended to capture progress on 14 statewide behavioral health (BH) goals. These performance measures will be used for transparency, planning, population health, and—over time and as appropriate—performance targets will be enforced. Additional details can be found in the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) County [Policy Manual](#) and in the BHT Performance Measures [Specifications Manual](#).

This document contains the official fiscal year (FY) 24-25 rates for the following BHT performance measure:

Measure Details	Description
Measure Name	Disparities in BH Services for People with Significant Mental Health (MH) Needs (EQ-BHSRV3-WSMH)
Measure Description	Percent of Spanish-speaking Medi-Cal members living with significant MH needs who received three or more core clinical services to address BH <i>compared with</i> percent of Medi-Cal members living with significant MH needs who received three or more core clinical services to address BH.
Measure Background	This novel measure focuses on language disparities in utilization of three or more core clinical services to address BH during a 12-month period among people enrolled in

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	Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services¹ living with an identified significant MH need. This measure currently includes only Medi-Cal members, but DHCS is exploring including non-Medi-Cal members who receive county BH services in this measure at a future date. Identified as one of the Cross-Goal Equity Measures, this measure focuses on an intervention—BH services appropriate to meet a person’s individual significant MH needs—that is essential to advance all 14 statewide BH goals and where disparities are pervasive. Through data analysis, DHCS identified Spanish-speaking people as the population of focus for this measure because they experience significant and geographically pervasive disparity in access to three or more core clinical services to address BH. This measure is a stratification of Three or More BH Services for People with Significant MH Needs (BHSRV3-WSMH); it includes all Medi-Cal members with an identified significant MH need and assesses whether they received at least 3 core clinical services to address BH regardless of whether they are served by the Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) or Non-Specialty Mental Health Services (NSMHS) system. For more background on this measure, see BHSRV3-WSMH. Reducing disparities for this measure requires coordination between County Behavioral Health Plans (BHPs) and Medi-Cal Managed Plans (MCPs). For the MCP

¹ In addition to Medi-Cal members, DHCS will explore over time including people who receive county BH services but are not enrolled in Medi-Cal. This includes, but is not limited to, services funded by the BHSA, 1991 and 2011 Realignment, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)’s Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, Mental Health Block Grants, and Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grants. This version of the specification only includes Medi-Cal members. DHCS will explore whether non-Medi-Cal recipients of county BH services could be incorporated into the eligible population of this measure at a future date.

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	rate, all members assigned to an MCP are included in their rate if they meet denominator criteria for identified significant MH needs. For the BHP rate, because BHPs do not have assigned members, all Medi-Cal members in that county (defined by their county of responsibility assignments ²) are included in their rate if they meet denominator criteria for identified significant MH needs.
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	This measure is 1 of 3 “Cross-Goal Equity” Measures.
Measure Category	N/A
Responsibility	Medi-Cal MCPs and County BHPs

Table 1. Statewide Rates

State	Total Population	Spanish-Speaking
California	50.20%	46.93%

Table 2. County Behavioral Health Plan Rates

County Behavioral Health Plan	Total Population	Spanish-Speaking
Alameda	47.00%	43.21%
Alpine	45.95%	N/A
Amador	51.86%	S
Butte	54.91%	49.64%
Calaveras	48.48%	51.92%
Colusa	51.24%	51.41%

² A Medi-Cal member’s county of responsibility is the official source for determining which County BHP is financially accountable for SMHS and substance use disorder treatment services for that member. In some cases, this may be different than the member’s county of residence. See Behavioral Health Information Notice [24-008](#) for more information.

County Behavioral Health Plan	Total Population	Spanish-Speaking
Contra Costa	52.50%	47.06%
Del Norte	43.91%	54.05%
El Dorado	51.19%	37.46%
Fresno	48.47%	44.49%
Glenn	56.70%	52.04%
Humboldt	56.18%	46.88%
Imperial	60.53%	61.51%
Inyo	37.74%	38.89%
Kern	48.99%	48.22%
Kings	43.44%	39.63%
Lake	52.65%	41.56%
Lassen	52.38%	S
Los Angeles County	49.66%	47.38%
Madera	43.19%	37.33%
Marin	55.01%	44.29%
Mariposa	53.24%	S
Mendocino	54.52%	46.97%
Merced	43.36%	39.45%
Modoc	59.88%	S
Mono	58.51%	53.91%
Monterey	52.08%	47.22%
Napa	47.68%	40.73%
Nevada	60.31%	46.06%
Orange	47.59%	46.25%
Placer	54.83%	45.68%
Plumas	47.51%	S
Riverside	52.28%	49.62%

County Behavioral Health Plan	Total Population	Spanish-Speaking
Sacramento	49.21%	45.39%
San Benito	48.27%	41.63%
San Bernardino	50.02%	47.86%
San Diego	49.46%	46.05%
San Francisco	55.46%	46.86%
San Joaquin	46.39%	42.48%
San Luis Obispo	59.62%	53.11%
San Mateo	55.04%	46.82%
Santa Barbara	52.91%	48.55%
Santa Clara	55.51%	51.27%
Santa Cruz	55.56%	48.63%
Shasta	56.09%	44.88%
Sierra	33.33%	N/A
Siskiyou	53.57%	33.33%
Solano	48.63%	45.85%
Sonoma	48.35%	40.06%
Stanislaus	46.75%	40.23%
Sutter/Yuba	48.43%	38.98%
Tehama	46.66%	38.44%
Trinity	53.05%	0.00%
Tulare	46.33%	44.05%
Tuolumne	51.67%	29.73%
Ventura	53.88%	48.73%
Yolo	48.25%	44.04%

Table 3. Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Rates³

Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan	Total Population	Spanish-Speaking
AIDS Healthcare Foundation	60.54%	S
Alameda Alliance for Health	46.48%	42.78%
Anthem Blue Cross	50.06%	44.31%
Blue Shield of CA Promise Health Plan	51.80%	44.18%
CalOptima	48.48%	46.92%
CalViva Health	50.16%	44.09%
CenCal Health	55.21%	49.31%
Central California Alliance for Health	49.69%	45.57%
Community Health Group Partnership Plan	51.11%	48.29%
Community Health Plan of Imperial Valley	60.65%	61.48%
Contra Costa Health Plan	52.84%	47.59%
Gold Coast Health Plan	54.43%	49.06%
Health Net Community Solutions	51.50%	46.99%
Health Plan of San Joaquin	47.54%	41.76%
Health Plan of San Mateo	55.36%	47.22%
Inland Empire Health Plan	54.76%	50.74%
Kaiser Permanente	46.59%	42.75%

³ In this release, the Medi-Cal MCP rates listed are not at the county level, but rather for all counties statewide in which the plan operates.

Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan	Total Population	Spanish-Speaking
Kern Family Health Care	52.09%	49.17%
L.A. Care Health Plan	51.57%	48.32%
Molina Healthcare of California	49.84%	44.49%
Mountain Valley Health Plan	51.78%	C
Partnership Health Plan of California	52.34%	43.27%
San Francisco Health Plan	57.79%	46.74%
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	57.92%	52.99%

"S" represents values that are based on less than 11 individuals which are not shown in accordance with the DHCS Data De-identification Guidelines (DDG) Version 3.0.

Values reported as "0.00" indicate that no events were observed.

Values reported as "N/A" indicate that no persons qualified for the denominator.

"C" denotes complementary data that is not shown to comply with DHCS DDG Version 3.0 to prevent the re-derivation of other sensitive information.