



BHT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

HO-1: Homelessness Among People with Significant Behavioral 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	Homelessness Among People with Significant BH Needs (PEH-WSBH)
Measure Description	Rate (per 10,000) of people enrolled in Medi-Cal and living with significant BH needs who are identified as experiencing homelessness in a 12-month period based on available data, <i>compared with</i> the rate (per 10,000) of all people enrolled in Medi-Cal who are identified as experiencing homelessness in a 12-month period based on available data.
Measure Background	This novel measure compares the prevalence of homelessness over a 12-month period among two groups of people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services ¹ : people with significant BH needs and the

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

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	overall population. 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 a Goal Measure for the “Reduce Homelessness” BH goal, this is a cross-sector measure because performance on this measure will be impacted by the actions of county Behavioral Health Plans (BHPs) and Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs) as well as entities and factors beyond Medi-Cal and BH. For the MCP rates, all members assigned to an MCP are included in the rates if they meet denominator criteria for metric 1 or 2. For the BHP rates, because BHPs do not have assigned members, all Medi-Cal members in that county (defined by county of responsibility assignments²) are included in their rate if they meet denominator criteria for metric 1 or 2. This measure uses a novel approach for identifying people experiencing homelessness using a combination of Homelessness Data Integration System (HDIS) from California’s housing Continuums of Care and available Medi-Cal and county BH data, including addresses, z-codes documenting housing status as part of medical encounters, and the place of service for medical encounters. It provides a more complete-than-ever understanding of people experiencing homelessness within the Medi-Cal population.

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 measure only includes Medi-Cal members. DHCS will explore whether non-Medi-Cal recipients of county BH services could be incorporated into this measure at a future date.

² A Medi-Cal member’s county of responsibility is the official source for determining which County BHP is financially accountable for Specialty Mental Health Services (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.

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	This measure was developed in collaboration with the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH). The approach for identifying people experiencing homelessness using HDIS data is consistent with the approach used for the performance measures in the Cal ICH Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California and builds on that approach to also include indicators of homelessness observed in Medi-Cal and county BH data.
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	This measure is 1 of 3 measures in the “Reduce Homelessness” statewide BH goal.
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Responsibility

Table 1. Statewide Rate

State	Metric 1: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members living with significant BH needs who experienced homelessness	Metric 2: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members who experienced homelessness
California	988.67	263.03

Table 2. Statewide Rate Stratifications by Age

Age Group	Metric 1: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members living with significant BH needs who experienced homelessness	Metric 2: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members who experienced homelessness
0-5 years	237.72	115.73
6-11 years	182.62	106.22
12-17 years	154.52	90.17
18-20 years	300.37	137.97

Age Group	Metric 1: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members living with significant BH needs who experienced homelessness	Metric 2: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members who experienced homelessness
21-25 years	991.17	211.84
26-34 years	1,505.15	322.75
35-49 years	1,914.41	436.06
50-64 years	1,854.02	460.21
65-74 years	1,103.93	268.01
75 years and older	347.21	89.38

Table 3. Statewide Rate Stratifications by Sex

Sex	Metric 1: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members living with significant BH needs who experienced homelessness	Metric 2: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members who experienced homelessness
Female	842.86	223.34
Male	1,116.71	306.77

Table 4. Statewide Rate Stratifications by Race / Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Metric 1: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members living with significant BH needs who experienced homelessness	Metric 2: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members who experienced homelessness
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,607.63	705.66
Asian	428.96	68.20
Black or African American	1,711.44	736.22
Hispanic or Latino	596.56	155.06
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1,425.11	394.63

Race/Ethnicity	Metric 1: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members living with significant BH needs who experienced homelessness	Metric 2: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members who experienced homelessness
White	1,293.44	425.37
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic	1,032.92	296.44
Other	864.80	188.79
Asked But No Answer/Unknown	1,064.83	276.98

Table 5. Statewide Rate Stratifications by Language (Primary Spoken Language)

Language (Primary Spoken Language)	Metric 1: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members living with significant BH needs who experienced homelessness	Metric 2: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members who experienced homelessness
English	1,163.38	360.79
Spanish	309.43	84.67
Vietnamese	213.14	30.08
Other	228.70	60.06

Table 6. County Behavioral Health Plan Rates

County Behavioral Health Plan	Metric 1: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members living with significant BH needs who experienced homelessness	Metric 2: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members who experienced homelessness
Alameda	1,207.16	282.84
Alpine	S	S
Amador	477.99	242.45
Butte	1,581.06	710.67

County Behavioral Health Plan	Metric 1: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members living with significant BH needs who experienced homelessness	Metric 2: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members who experienced homelessness
Calaveras	750.38	303.96
Colusa	687.02	189.07
Contra Costa	1,065.90	281.20
Del Norte	1,408.93	672.49
El Dorado	867.97	306.34
Fresno	728.25	179.53
Glenn	895.31	295.73
Humboldt	1,471.50	612.15
Imperial	855.01	313.28
Inyo	724.05	329.40
Kern	953.96	278.13
Kings	948.06	362.37
Lake	1,347.91	639.80
Lassen	1,279.07	642.91
Los Angeles County	831.81	179.66
Madera	497.81	190.75
Marin	1,172.49	336.87
Mariposa	884.54	403.11
Mendocino	1,381.36	558.75
Merced	1,612.95	679.59
Modoc	796.21	342.04
Mono	648.73	176.10
Monterey	1,290.85	404.44
Napa	1,029.15	333.94
Nevada	1,350.55	509.66

County Behavioral Health Plan	Metric 1: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members living with significant BH needs who experienced homelessness	Metric 2: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members who experienced homelessness
Orange	894.82	190.69
Placer	863.85	237.08
Plumas	793.76	304.22
Riverside	722.84	211.50
Sacramento	1,060.85	262.67
San Benito	683.99	210.01
San Bernardino	656.20	212.29
San Diego	1,398.84	406.88
San Francisco	2,370.58	597.23
San Joaquin	1,146.32	303.05
San Luis Obispo	1,111.34	347.28
San Mateo	755.77	163.33
Santa Barbara	992.37	234.64
Santa Clara	977.48	213.23
Santa Cruz	1,799.18	643.19
Shasta	1,747.83	765.03
Sierra	C	C
Siskiyou	1,257.90	536.40
Solano	1,072.65	541.17
Sonoma	967.57	349.44
Stanislaus	1,008.66	234.37
Sutter/Yuba	1,243.49	445.35
Tehama	956.51	359.24
Trinity	1,093.25	553.61
Tulare	594.48	132.63

County Behavioral Health Plan	Metric 1: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members living with significant BH needs who experienced homelessness	Metric 2: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members who experienced homelessness
Tuolumne	828.07	379.20
Ventura	917.00	243.39
Yolo	1,019.41	288.22

Table 7. Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Rates³

Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan	Metric 1: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members living with significant BH needs who experienced homelessness	Metric 2: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members who experienced homelessness
AIDS Healthcare Foundation	1,413.43	657.23
Alameda Alliance for Health	1,353.04	311.41
Anthem Blue Cross	957.89	230.81
Blue Shield of CA Promise Health Plan	1,764.33	503.40
CalOptima	935.98	198.34
CalViva Health	718.37	196.43
CenCal Health	1,018.74	265.60
Central California Alliance for Health	1,469.70	539.51
Community Health Group Partnership Plan	1,209.19	368.42
Community Health Plan of Imperial Valley	833.68	310.73
Contra Costa Health Plan	1,204.06	315.43
Gold Coast Health Plan	923.85	248.58

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	Metric 1: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members living with significant BH needs who experienced homelessness	Metric 2: Rate (per 10,000) of Medi-Cal Members who experienced homelessness
Health Net Community Solutions	1,070.54	230.84
Health Plan of San Joaquin	945.69	255.66
Health Plan of San Mateo	770.67	167.33
Inland Empire Health Plan	756.73	246.06
Kaiser Permanente	303.21	99.38
Kern Family Health Care	1,015.07	290.52
L.A. Care Health Plan	894.11	185.63
Molina Healthcare of California	1,445.02	352.78
Mountain Valley Health Plan	1,065.61	384.90
Partnership Health Plan of California	1,271.00	499.87
San Francisco Health Plan	2,577.58	643.61
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	1,007.92	223.26

"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.