



BHT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

OD-1: Deaths by Drug Overdose

FY 23-24 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) 23-24 rates for the following BHT performance measure:

Measure Details	Description
Measure Name	Deaths by Drug Overdose (ODDEATH)
Measure Description	Age-adjusted rate (per 100,000) of people 10 years of age and older enrolled in Medi-Cal who die from an unintentional drug overdose during a 12-month period.
Measure Background	This novel measure calculates the rate of fatal, unintentional drug overdoses among people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services ¹ in a 12-month period. This measure currently includes only Medi-

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 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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	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 the Goal Measure for the “Reduce Overdoses” statewide BH goal, this measure is intended to assess progress on the overall goal. This measure includes all Medi-Cal members regardless of whether they have identified BH needs or receive BH services. It 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 rate, all members assigned to an MCP are included in their rate if they meet denominator criteria. For the BHP rate, 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. This measure is based on Vital Records data and was developed in collaboration with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Intentional drug overdose deaths are excluded from this measure; instead, those deaths are included in the Deaths by Suicide measure (SUIDEATH). This measure is limited to people 10 years of age and older to align with CDPH reporting and minimize the inclusion of accidental drug ingestion on this measure. The rate reported for this measure is an age-adjusted rate, meaning most rates reported for this measure have been normalized to a standard age distribution to reduce the impact of variations in age distribution on this measure.

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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	The exception is the statewide rate's age group stratifications—given that these stratified rates are reported in standard age bands, they are presented as crude rates. In 2026, DHCS is reporting the FY2023-24 rate for this measure because Vital Records data for 2025 is not yet available for DHCS to calculate the FY2024-25 rate.
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	This measure is 1 of 5 measures in the “Reduce Overdoses” statewide BH goal.
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Responsibility

Table 1. Statewide Rate

State	Rate (Age Adjusted)
California	60.95

Table 2. Statewide Rate Stratifications by Age

Age Group	Rate (Crude Rate)
0-5 years	N/A
6-11 years	0.00
12-17 years	2.44
18-20 years	9.35
21-25 years	23.78
26-34 years	61.95
35-49 years	90.50
50-64 years	108.62
65-74 years	68.06
75 years and older	8.54

Table 3. Statewide Rate Stratifications by Sex

Sex	Rate (Age Adjusted)
Female	27.17
Male	100.69

Table 4. Statewide Rate Stratifications by Race / Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Rate (Age Adjusted)
American Indian or Alaska Native	121.94
Asian	17.01
Black or African American	111.86
Hispanic or Latino	31.47
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	40.78
White	107.10
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic	48.50
Other	62.22
Asked But No Answer/Unknown	80.85

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

Language (Primary Spoken Language)	Rate (Age Adjusted)
English	90.99
Spanish	10.06
Vietnamese	8.85
Other	10.91

Table 6. County Behavioral Health Plan Rates

County Behavioral Health Plan	Rate (Age Adjusted)
Alameda	64.59
Alpine	S
Amador	S
Butte	127.58
Calaveras	84.51
Colusa	S
Contra Costa	58.00
Del Norte	147.30
El Dorado	55.14
Fresno	44.62
Glenn	S
Humboldt	95.06
Imperial	18.29
Inyo	94.75
Kern	82.23
Kings	40.98
Lake	111.51
Lassen	S
Los Angeles County	45.76
Madera	30.46
Marin	70.61
Mariposa	S
Mendocino	111.20
Merced	41.00
Modoc	0.00
Mono	S

County Behavioral Health Plan	Rate (Age Adjusted)
Monterey	70.52
Napa	39.48
Nevada	131.30
Orange	53.15
Placer	53.86
Plumas	S
Riverside	64.88
Sacramento	86.10
San Benito	S
San Bernardino	46.54
San Diego	70.02
San Francisco	196.24
San Joaquin	65.77
San Luis Obispo	92.93
San Mateo	32.09
Santa Barbara	79.30
Santa Clara	51.95
Santa Cruz	100.66
Shasta	83.14
Sierra	0.00
Siskiyou	S
Solano	79.11
Sonoma	68.77
Stanislaus	73.13
Sutter/Yuba	69.26
Tehama	97.47
Trinity	S

County Behavioral Health Plan	Rate (Age Adjusted)
Tulare	36.16
Tuolumne	118.16
Ventura	60.65
Yolo	55.48

Table 7. Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Rates³

Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan	Rate (Age Adjusted)
AIDS Healthcare Foundation	S
Alameda Alliance for Health	64.48
Anthem Blue Cross	80.96
Blue Shield of CA Promise Health Plan	72.53
CalOptima	55.09
CalViva Health	37.41
CenCal Health	86.00
Central California Alliance for Health	62.14
Community Health Group Partnership Plan	57.34
Community Health Plan of Imperial Valley	S
Contra Costa Health Plan	58.81
Gold Coast Health Plan	58.97
Health Net Community Solutions	59.17
Health Plan of San Joaquin	63.08

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	Rate (Age Adjusted)
Health Plan of San Mateo	32.66
Inland Empire Health Plan	56.89
Kaiser Permanente	18.09
Kern Family Health Care	75.60
L.A. Care Health Plan	46.04
Molina Healthcare of California	73.46
Mountain Valley Health Plan	S
Partnership Health Plan of California	71.13
San Francisco Health Plan	205.10
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	53.09

"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.