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TO: California Alliance of Child and Family Services  
California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators  
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.  
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs  
California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies  
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals  
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies  
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 Drug & Alcohol Administrators

SUBJECT: 2024 California Outcomes Measurement System Treatment (CalOMS Tx) Update to Demographic Reporting Requirements.

PURPOSE: To notify counties and network providers of updated demographic data collection requirements in CalOMS Tx, pursuant to the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant.

REFERENCE: [45 CFR 96.17](#); [45 CFR 96.74](#); [45 CFR 96.133](#); [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\) 2023-2026 Data Strategy](#); [July 1, 2022- July 1, 2027 Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System \(DMC-ODS\) Contract](#), CalOMS Tx Data Dictionary; CalOMS Tx Data Collection Guide.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On December 29, 2022, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (H.R. 2617) was signed into law. This large omnibus bill included provisions including reauthorizing and renaming the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant to the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUBG). This bill, now Public Law No: 117-328<sup>1</sup>, includes appropriations for SUBG for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023 through 2027<sup>2</sup>. Beginning FFY 2024, SAMSHA will expand reporting requirements for SUBG grantees to include sexual orientation and gender

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<sup>1</sup> [PUBL328.PS \(congress.gov\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [42 USC 300x-35: Funding \(house.gov\)](#)



identity in unduplicated counts of individuals who receive funding for substance use disorder treatment. To align with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Interoperability and Prior Authorization Final Rule CMS-0057-F<sup>3,4</sup> requirements and other state data exchange initiatives, data elements will be updated to align with United States Core Data Interoperability [Standard Set](#) for demographic reporting.

**POLICY:**

As part of SAMHSA’s guidelines to standardize, collect, capture, and maintain high quality demographic data related to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has updated Treatment Episode Data Set demographic reporting requirements in CalOMS Tx. DHCS added new data values and meanings for Gender (CID-3), Race (CID-15), Ethnicity (CID-16), and Sexual Orientation (CID-20), formerly known as “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender”.

Treatment outcomes data must be collected on all service recipients, by all providers that receive funding from DHCS<sup>5</sup>, regardless of the source of funds used for the service recipient. For example, if a provider receives DHCS funding, but provides services to a person using only county funds, or provides services to a private-pay client, the provider must still collect and submit CalOMS Tx data for that individual. Participating counties are required to comply with all previous data collection provisions, as well as including the collection of the updated demographic data collection requirements listed below.

**NEW DEMOGRAPHIC DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS**

The tables of values and meanings below describe the new and updated reporting requirements. Refer to the CalOMS Tx Data Collection Guide and Data Dictionary for a complete list of demographic reporting data values/formats and meanings.

**Gender (CID-3)<sup>6</sup>:**

Value / Format	Meaning
3	Transgender (Trans Man)
4	Transgender (Trans Woman)
5	Gender Non-Conforming / Gender Queer
6	Not Available
99900	Declined to state

<sup>3</sup> [CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization Final Rule CMS-0057-F | CMS](#)

<sup>4</sup> [89 Federal Register 8758](#)

<sup>5</sup> CalOMS Tx Data Collection Guide, Section 2.1

<sup>6</sup> CalOMS Tx Data Collection Guide, Section 6.11.1



**Trans Man:** a person who was registered as female at birth but who lives and identifies as a man; a transgender man.

**Trans Woman:** a person who was registered as male at birth but who lives and identifies as a woman; a transgender woman.

**Race (CID-15)<sup>7</sup>:**

Value / Format	Meaning
19	Race Not Available
99900	Declined to State

**Ethnicity (CID-16)<sup>8</sup>:**

Value / Format	Meaning
6	Hispanic or Latino Origin Not Available
99900	Declined to State

**Sexual Orientation (CID-20)<sup>9</sup>:**

Value / Format	Meaning
5	Unsure / Questioning / Don't Know
8	Pansexual
9	Asexual
10	Other
11	Not Available
12	Queer

Sexual Orientation data collection updated from optional to required. A data value for Sexual Orientation will be required on all admission records beginning 120 days after publication of this BHIN.

Value 5 has been updated to include “Don’t Know”.

Value 7 “Transgender” has been retired. Transgender values and meanings moved to CID-03 under Gender.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) and DMC-ODS programs shall implement the guidance in this

<sup>7</sup> CalOMS Tx Data Collection Guide, Section 6.12

<sup>8</sup> CalOMS Tx Data Collection Guide, Section 6.13

<sup>9</sup> CalOMS Tx Data Collection Guide, Section 6.16.1



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BHIN no later than 120 calendar days from the date of publication. Implementation shall include, but is not limited to, updating local Electronic Health Record Systems to include the new data elements, updating policies and procedures as well as supporting materials for DMC and DMC-ODS as needed to ensure compliance. Additionally, Medi-Cal behavioral health delivery systems shall communicate these updates to their staff, subcontractors if applicable, and network providers that provide or administer DMC and DMC-ODS services, and ensure the appropriate staff, subcontractors, and network providers are trained on requirements set forth in this BHIN.

Please contact [DATAR-CalOMSProgramSupport@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:DATAR-CalOMSProgramSupport@dhcs.ca.gov) for questions.

Sincerely,

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