

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION (BHT) PHASE 2 PERFORMANCE MEASURES SUPPLEMENT

Version 1

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OVERVIEW OF BHT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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 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, which will be available on the [BHT Resources Webpage](#) in July 2026. The Specifications Manual will include the 34 BHT measures being released in 2026, out of 51 total measures. DHCS will release the remaining measures before counties submit the second Integrated Plan in 2029.

The novel BHT performance measure set represents a significant step toward advancing understanding and driving data-driven population health and planning for behavioral health service delivery across California.

- » **Taking a person-centered view of behavioral health needs.** The BHT performance measures assess members’ holistic behavioral health needs, regardless of whether those needs are expected to be addressed through the

county behavioral health (BH) or Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) system. Most measures identify members with known behavioral health needs using diagnoses, prior service utilization, medications, system involvement, and other administrative data across any system of care.

- » **Assessing whether behavioral health needs are met across delivery systems.** The measures assess whether members receive services aligned with their identified behavioral health needs, regardless of whether those services are delivered through the county or MCP delivery system. For most measures, performance is not attributable to one entity alone, reinforcing the importance of shared accountability across counties and MCPs to deliver care that meets members' needs.
- » **Using multiple data sources to capture a more complete picture of care.** The measures draw on data beyond Medi-Cal alone to better understand services for people eligible for or receiving Medi-Cal and county behavioral health services. This provides a more comprehensive view of which members are experiencing behavioral health needs and whether they are accessing and engaging in services to meet those needs.

The following tables list the BHT performance measures for each statewide behavioral health goal and identify the entity or entities responsible for performance. Each measure is assigned to one of the four responsibility categories described below.

- » **County Behavioral Health Plan (BHP) Measure:** BHP responsible for performance.
- » **Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) Measure:** MCP responsible for performance.
- » **Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure:** Shared responsibility across BHPs and MCPs for performance.
- » **Cross-Sector Measure:** Shared responsibility across systems; requires coordinated efforts across BHPs, MCPs, and other external partners to advance progress on the goal.

Additional explanations of measure-specific responsibility are detailed in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual, which will be available on the [BHT Resources Webpage](#) in July. For definitions of other table fields, see the Table Key in the Appendix.

STATEWIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GOALS

Improve Access to Care

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-1. One or More BH Services for People with MH Needs
Measure Acronym	BHSRV1-WMH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services ¹ and living with mental health (MH) needs <i>who</i> receive one or more core clinical services to address BH in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Improve Access to Care
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

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

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-2. One or More BH Services for People with Significant MH Needs
Measure Acronym	BHSRV1-WSMH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services and living with significant MH needs <i>who</i> receive one or more core clinical services to address BH in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Improve Access to Care
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-3. Initiation of SUD Treatment (IET-I)
Measure Acronym	IET-I
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> new substance use disorder (SUD) episodes in a 12-month period for people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services <i>that</i> result in treatment initiation within 14 days
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	NCQA

Category	Description
Measure Goal	Improve Access to Care
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	See Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) specification manual; more information on this measure can be found on the IET section of the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) website

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-4. One or More BH Services for People with Significant MH Needs and Co-Occurring SUD
Measure Acronym	BHSRV1-WSMH-SUD
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services living with both significant MH needs and a SUD <i>who</i> receive one or more core clinical service to address BH in a 12-month period.
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Improve Access to Care
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are not yet available

Reduce Untreated BH Conditions

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-5. Three or More BH Services for People with MH Needs
Measure Acronym	BHSRV3-WMH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services and living with MH needs <i>who</i> receive three or more core clinical services to address BH in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Untreated BH Conditions
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-6. Three or More BH Services for People with Significant MH Needs
Measure Acronym	BHSRV3-WSMH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services and living with significant MH needs <i>who</i> receive three or more core clinical services to address BH in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS

Category	Description
Measure Goal	Reduce Untreated BH Conditions
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-7. Engagement in SUD Treatment (IET-E)
Measure Acronym	IET-E
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> new SUD episodes in a 12-month period for persons enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services <i>that</i> result in treatment engagement within 34 days of treatment initiation
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	NCQA
Measure Goal	Reduce Untreated BH Conditions
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	See HEDIS specification manual; more information on this measure can be found on the IET section of the NCQA website

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-8. Three or More BH Services for People with Significant MH Needs and Co-Occurring SUD
Measure Acronym	BHSRV3-WSMH-SUD
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services living with both significant MH needs and a SUD <i>who</i> receive three or more core clinical services to address BH in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Untreated BH Conditions
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-12. Depression Screening and Follow-Up for Adolescents and Adults (DSF-E)
Measure Acronym	DSF-E
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> Medi-Cal members 12 years of age and older <i>who</i> were screened for clinical depression using a standardized instrument in a 12-month period and, if screened positive, received follow-up care within 30 days
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	NCQA

Category	Description
Measure Goal	Reduce Untreated BH Conditions
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Medi-Cal MCP Measure
Specification	See HEDIS specification manual; more information on this measure can be found on the DSF-E section of the NCQA website

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-13. Evidence-Based Practices for People Living with Significant MH Needs
Measure Acronym	FSP-WSBH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services living with significant MH needs <i>who</i> received at least one BHSA or Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT) evidence-based practice in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Untreated BH Conditions
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-14. Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Substance Use --7 Days (FUA)
Measure Acronym	FUA-7d
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> emergency department (ED) visits in a 12-month period <i>among</i> people age 13 years and older <i>who</i> are enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services, with a principal diagnosis of SUD, or any diagnosis of drug overdose for which there was follow-up within 7 days of the ED visit
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	NCQA
Measure Goal	Reduce Untreated BH Conditions
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	See HEDIS specification manual; more information on this measure can be found on the FUA section of the NCQA website

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-15. Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness --7 Days (FUM)
Measure Acronym	FUM-7d
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> ED visits in a 12-month period for people who are enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services with a principal diagnosis of mental illness or intentional self-harm <i>who</i> had a MH follow-up service within 7 days of the ED visit
Publication Year	2026

Category	Description
Measure Steward	NCQA
Measure Goal	Reduce Untreated BH Conditions
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	See HEDIS specification manual; more information on this measure can be found on the FUM section of the NCQA website

Improve Care Experience

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-9. Perception of Care with Respect to One's Cultural Background: Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) (MHSIP Consumer Survey)
Measure Acronym	PC-SMHS
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> people who completed the Mental Health Statistics Improvement Program (MHSIP) Consumer Survey in a 12-month period <i>who</i> responded with "strongly agree" or "agree" to Q18– "Staff were sensitive to my cultural background (race, religion, language, etc.)"
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Integrated Substance Use and Addiction Programs (ISAP)
Measure Goal	Improve Care Experience
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	County BHP Measure

Category	Description
Specification	More information can be found by reviewing the MHSIP Consumer Survey

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-10. Perception of Care with Respect to One's Cultural Background: DMC-ODS
Measure Acronym	PC-DMCODS
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> people who completed the Treatment Perception Survey in a 12-month period <i>who</i> responded with "strongly agree" or "agree" to Q7 – "Staff were sensitive to my cultural background (race/ethnicity, religion, language, etc.)"
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	UCLA ISAP
Measure Goal	Improve Care Experience
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	County BHP Measure
Specification	More information can be found by reviewing the Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) relating to the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS)

Category	Description
Measure Name	BH-11. Perception of Care with Respect to One's Cultural Background: Non-Specialty Mental Health Services (NSMHS)
Measure Acronym	PC-NSMHS

Category	Description
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> people who completed the MCP Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) Experience of Care & Health Outcomes (ECHO) BH Survey in a 12-month period <i>who</i> responded with “Yes” to Q27 – “Care responsive to cultural needs”
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	MCP CAHPS
Measure Goal	Improve Care Experience
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	MCP Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Improve Prevention & Treatment of Co-Occurring Physical Health Conditions

Category	Description
Measure Name	PH-1. Adults’ Access to Preventive/Ambulatory Health Services: Significant BH Needs
Measure Acronym	AAP-WSBH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> adults 20 years of age and older enrolled in Medi-Cal and living with significant BH needs <i>who</i> have one or more ambulatory or preventive care visits in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	NCQA
Measure Goal	Improve Prevention and Treatment of Co-Occurring Physical Health Conditions
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure

Category	Description
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	PH-2. Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits: Significant BH Needs
Measure Acronym	WCV-WSBH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> children and youth 3 to 21 years of age enrolled in Medi-Cal and living with significant BH needs <i>who</i> have at least one comprehensive well-care visit in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	NCQA
Measure Goal	Improve Prevention and Treatment of Co-Occurring Physical Health Conditions
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	PH-3. Dental Visits for People with Significant BH Needs
Measure Acronym	ADV-WSBH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> members enrolled in Medi-Cal dental benefits and living with significant BH needs <i>who</i> receive at least one dental visit in a 12-month period

Category	Description
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Improve Prevention and Treatment of Co-Occurring Physical Health Conditions
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Reduce Homelessness

Category	Description
Measure Name	HO-1. Homelessness Among People with Significant BH Needs
Measure Acronym	PEH-WSBH
Measure Description	<p>Rate (per 10,000) <i>of</i> people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services and living with significant BH needs <i>who</i> are identified as experiencing homelessness in a 12-month period based on available data</p> <p><i>compared with</i></p> <p>the rate (per 10,000) <i>of</i> all people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services <i>who</i> are identified as experiencing homelessness in a 12-month period based on available data</p>
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Homelessness
Measure Category	Goal Measure

Category	Description
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	HO-2. Housing Services for People with Significant BH Needs At Risk of Or Experiencing Homelessness
Measure Acronym	HOUSSRV-WSBH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services, living with significant BH needs, and are identified as at risk of or experiencing homelessness in a 12-month period based on available data, <i>who</i> receive at least one Medi-Cal housing Community Support or county BH Housing Intervention in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Homelessness
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	HO-3. Full Service Partnership and Housing Services for People with Significant BH Needs At Risk of Or Experiencing Homelessness
Measure Acronym	FSP-PEH-WSBH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services, living with significant BH needs, and identified as at risk of or experiencing homelessness in a 12-month period based on available data, <i>who</i> receive at least one Full Service Partnership (FSP) service and at least one Medi-Cal or BHSA housing intervention in the same 12-month period
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Homelessness
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Reduce Institutionalization

Category	Description
Measure Name	IN-1. Institutional Stays for People with BH Needs
Measure Acronym	IN-WBH
Measure Description	The below descriptive statistics for people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services in the following institutional settings over a 12-month period: (a) Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers (MHRCs), (b) Psychiatric Health Facilities (PHFs), (c) psychiatric hospitals

Category	Description
	<p>d) Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) (e) Skilled Nursing Facility-Special Treatment Programs (SNF-STPs), (f) state hospital civil commitments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of unique stays, by facility type 2. The distribution of length of stay (in calendar days) including minimum, 25th percentile, median, 75th percentile, maximum, mean, and standard deviation, by facility type
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Institutionalization
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Category	Description
Measure Name	IN-2. Coordinated Specialty Care for First Episode Psychosis
Measure Acronym	CSCFEP
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> people 12 years of age and older with a diagnosis of psychosis enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services <i>who</i> receive Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) for First Episode Psychosis in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS

Category	Description
Measure Goal	Reduce Institutionalization
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Category	Description
Measure Name	IN-3. Support for Transitions from Institutional BH Care
Measure Acronym	INTRSN
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> stays longer than 14 days in a 12-month period in an institutional setting (MHRC, PHF, PRTF, psychiatric hospital, SNF-STP, state hospital civil commitment) among people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services <i>who</i> receive at least one type of transitions of care support (Community or Home Transition Services Community Supports, Assisted Living Facilities Community Supports, Community Transitions In-Reach Services, Enhanced Care Management (ECM), Targeted Case Management (TCM), Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Forensic ACT (FACT), Full Services Partnership Intensive Case Management (FSP ICM), High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW), Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC), Intensive Care Coordination (ICC), Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST), Functional Family Therapy (FFT)) during the stay
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Institutionalization
Measure Category	Intervention Measure

Category	Description
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Category	Description
Measure Name	IN-4. Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness--7 Days (FUH)
Measure Acronym	FUH-7d
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> discharges for people 6 years of age and older enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services who were hospitalized for a principal diagnosis of mental illness, or any diagnosis of intentional self-harm in a 12-month period, <i>and</i> had a mental health follow-up service within seven calendar days of discharge
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	NCQA
Measure Goal	Reduce Institutionalization
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	See HEDIS specification manual; more information on this measure can be found on the FUH section of the NCQA website

Category	Description
Measure Name	IN-5. Follow-Up After Other Institutional Stays for Behavioral Health

Category	Description
Measure Acronym	INFU
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> discharges of people 6 years of age and older enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services with a stay in an institutional setting not captured in FUH (e.g., MHRC, PHF, SNF-STP, or state hospital civil commitment) in a 12-month period <i>that</i> had a mental health follow-up service within seven calendar days of discharge
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Institutionalization
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Reduce Justice-Involvement

Category	Description
Measure Name	Jl-1. Incarceration Among People with Significant BH Needs
Measure Acronym	Jl-WSBH
Measure Description	Rate (per 10,000) <i>of</i> people 12 years of age and older enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services and living with significant BH needs <i>who</i> were incarcerated in a 12-month period <i>compared with</i> the rate (per 10,000) <i>of</i> all people 12 years of age and older enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services <i>who</i> were incarcerated in the 12-month measurement period

Category	Description
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Justice-Involvement
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Category	Description
Measure Name	JI-2. Repeat Incarceration Among People with Significant BH Needs
Measure Acronym	JIRPT-WSBH
Measure Description	Rate (per 10,000) <i>of</i> people enrolled in Medi-Cal or eligible for other county BH services and living with significant BH needs <i>who</i> have two or more distinct episodes of justice involvement (JI) (arrest or incarceration) in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Justice-Involvement
Measure Category	Sub-Goal Measure
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Category	Description
Measure Name	JI-3. Post-Release BH Services for Justice-Involved Reentry Enrollees with Significant BH Needs
Measure Acronym	JISRV-WSBH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> releases from a correctional facility in a 12-month period among Medi-Cal members 12 years of age and older with a significant BH need enrolled in 90-day pre-release services in the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) JI Reentry Initiative <i>for which</i> members received at least one core clinical service to address BH within 14 calendar days of release
Publication Year	2026 ²
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Justice-Involvement
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	JI-4. Continuation of Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) for Justice-Involved Reentry Enrollees
Measure Acronym	JIMAT

² Rates for this measure will not be publicly reported in 2026 due to small sample sizes. DHCS will publicly report this rate when sample sizes are sufficient for reporting.

Category	Description
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> releases from a correctional facility in a 12-month period among Medi-Cal members 16 years of age and older that received MAT for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) or Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) as part of their 90-day CalAIM JI Reentry Initiative pre-release services <i>for which</i> members continued MAT within 30 calendar days of release
Publication Year	2026 ³
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Justice-Involvement
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Reduce Overdoses

Category	Description
Measure Name	OD-1. Deaths by Drug Overdose
Measure Acronym	ODDEATH
Measure Description	Age-adjusted rate (per 100,000) <i>of</i> people 10 years of age and older enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services <i>who</i> die from an unintentional drug overdose during a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026

³ Rates for this measure will not be publicly reported in 2026 due to small sample sizes. DHCS will publicly report this rate when sample sizes are sufficient for reporting.

Category	Description
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Overdoses
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	OD-2. Repeat ED Visit or Hospitalization for Drug Overdose
Measure Acronym	ODRPT
Measure Description	Rate (per 100,000) <i>of</i> people 10 years of age and older enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services <i>who</i> had two or more unintentional drug-related overdoses resulting in treatment in an ED or hospital in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Overdoses
Measure Category	Sub-Goal Measure
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	OD-3. Recovery Incentives - Contingency Management
Measure Acronym	CM
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> Medi-Cal members 12 years of age and older living with a moderate or severe stimulant use disorder <i>who</i> receive Contingency Management (CM) in the Recovery Incentives Program in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Overdoses
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	OD-4. Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder (POD)
Measure Acronym	POD
Measure Description	Percentage <i>of</i> OUD pharmacotherapy events that lasted at least 180 days <i>among</i> people 16 years of age and older with a diagnosis of OUD and a new OUD pharmacotherapy event
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	NCQA
Measure Goal	Reduce Overdoses

Category	Description
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	See HEDIS specification manual; more information on this measure can be found on the POD section of the NCQA website

Category	Description
Measure Name	OD-5. Follow-Up After High-Intensity Care for Substance Use Disorder --7 Day (FUI)
Measure Acronym	FUI-7d
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> acute inpatient hospitalizations, residential treatment, or withdrawal management visits for a diagnosis of substance use disorder in a 12-month period among people 13 years of age and older enrolled in Medi-Cal or eligible for other county BH services <i>for which</i> there was follow-up within 7 days of the visit or discharge
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	NCQA
Measure Goal	Reduce Overdoses
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	See HEDIS specification manual; more information on this measure can be found on the FUI section of the NCQA website

Reduce Removal of Children from Home

Category	Description
Measure Name	RC-1. Children and Youth in Foster Care
Measure Acronym	FC
Measure Description	Rate (per 10,000) <i>of</i> children and youth enrolled in Medi-Cal <i>who</i> are in foster care during a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Removal of Children from Home
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	RC-2. Specialty BH Services for Children and Youth in Foster Care
Measure Acronym	FCSRV
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> children and youth in foster care 0 to 20 years of age and enrolled in Medi-Cal <i>who</i> receive at least three core clinical services to address BH needs delivered by the SMHS within a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Removal of Children from Home

Category	Description
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	RC-3. BH Services for Parents, Guardians, and Pregnant People with Significant BH Needs
Measure Acronym	PARSRV-WSBH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> pregnant and postpartum people and parents or guardians 12 to 64 years of age <i>who</i> are enrolled in Medi-Cal and are living with significant BH needs who receive at least one core clinical service for BH in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Removal of Children from Home
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	RC-4. High Fidelity Wraparound, Enhanced Care Management, or Intensive Care Coordination for Children and Youth in Foster Care

Category	Description
Measure Acronym	FCHFW
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> children and youth enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services and in foster care <i>who</i> receive High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW), ECM, or ICC in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Removal of Children from Home
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Reduce Suicides

Category	Description
Measure Name	SU-1. Deaths by Suicide
Measure Acronym	SUIDEATH
Measure Description	Age-adjusted rate (per 100,000) <i>of</i> people 10 years of age and older enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services <i>who</i> died by suicide at any point in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Suicide
Measure Category	Goal Measure

Category	Description
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	SU-2. Repeat ED Visit or Hospitalization for Self-Harm
Measure Acronym	SUIRPT
Measure Description	Rate (per 100,000) <i>of</i> people 10 years of age and older enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services <i>who</i> had two or more self-harm or suicide attempts resulting in treatment in an ED or hospital in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Reduce Suicide
Measure Category	Sub-Goal Measure
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	Specifications are included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Improve Engagement in School

Category	Description
Measure Name	SL-1. Graduation Rates for Students with BH Needs
Measure Acronym	GR-WBH

Category	Description
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> students five years after entering grade 9 enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services and living with BH needs <i>who</i> graduate high school within five years
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Improve Engagement in School
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Category	Description
Measure Name	SL-2. Chronic Absenteeism for Students with BH Needs
Measure Acronym	CA-WBH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> students (Transitional Kindergarten-12 th grade) 5 to 20 years of age enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services and living with BH needs <i>who</i> are chronically absent from school in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Improve Engagement in School
Measure Category	Goal Measure
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure

Category	Description
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Category	Description
Measure Name	SL-3. Care Coordination and Management Services for Children and Youth with BH Needs
Measure Acronym	CCM-WBH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> children and youth 20 years of age or younger enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services and living with BH needs <i>who</i> receive select care coordination and management services (e.g. Targeted Case Management (TCM), Intensive Care Coordination (ICC), Enhanced Care Management (ECM), High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW), Community Health Worker (CHW) services, Enhanced CHW services, CSC for First Episode Psychosis, or Complex Care Management (CCM)) in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Improve Engagement in School
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Category	Description
Measure Name	SL-4. Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life

Category	Description
Measure Acronym	DEV-CH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> children 1 to 3 years of age enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services <i>who</i> are screened for risk of developmental, behavioral, and social delays using a standardized screening tool in the 12 months preceding or on their first, second, or third birthday
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	Oregon Health & Sciences University (OHSU) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Measure Goal	Improve Engagement in School
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	See CMS Quality Measure Specifications ; more information on this measure can be found on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services website

Improve Engagement in Work

Category	Description
Measure Name	WK-1. Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Supported Employment for People with Significant BH Needs
Measure Acronym	IPS-WSBH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> adults enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services <i>who</i> are living with significant BH needs who receive IPS Supported Employment in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2029

Category	Description
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Improve Engagement in Work
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	County BHP Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Improve Social Connection

Category	Description
Measure Name	SC-1. Services that Strengthen Interpersonal Relationships For People with Significant BH Needs
Measure Acronym	REL-WSBH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> people enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services and living with significant BH <i>who</i> receive Dyadic, Clubhouse, Peer Supports, Certified Wellness Coaches, Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT) Activity Funds, Community Supports – Day Habilitation Services, or Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Recovery Services in a 12-month period
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Improve Social Connection
Measure Category	Intervention Measure
Responsibility	Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure

Category	Description
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Cross-Goal: Health Equity Measures

Category	Description
Measure Name	EQ-1. Disparities in BH Services for People with MH Needs
Measure Acronym	EQ-BHSRV1-WMH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (NH/PI), Black, or Asian people living with MH needs <i>who</i> received one or more core clinical services <i>compared with</i> Percent <i>of</i> people with MH needs <i>who</i> received one or more core clinical services
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Cross-Goal: Equity
Measure Category	N/A
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	EQ-1 is a stratification of measure BH-1; the BH-1 specification is available in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	EQ-2. Disparities in BH Services for People with Significant MH Needs

Category	Description
Measure Acronym	EQ-BHSRV3-WSMH
Measure Description	Percent <i>of</i> Spanish-speaking people living with significant MH needs <i>who</i> received three or more core clinical services <i>compared with</i> Percent <i>of</i> people living with significant MH needs <i>who</i> received three or more core clinical services
Publication Year	2026
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Cross-Goal: Equity
Measure Category	N/A
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	EQ-2 is a stratification of measure BH-6; the BH-6 specification is available in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual

Category	Description
Measure Name	EQ-3. Disparities in Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder (POD)
Measure Acronym	EQ-POD
Measure Description	Percentage <i>of</i> OUD pharmacotherapy events that lasted at least 180 days <i>among</i> [population to be defined later in 2026] of people 16 years of age and older with a diagnosis of OUD and a new OUD pharmacotherapy event

Category	Description
	<u>compared with</u> Percentage <u>of</u> OUD pharmacotherapy events that lasted at least 180 days <u>among</u> people 16 years of age and older with a diagnosis of OUD and a new OUD pharmacotherapy event
Publication Year	TBD
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Cross-Goal: Equity
Measure Category	N/A
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

Cross-Goal: BHSA Priority Population Measure

Category	Description
Measure Name	CG-1. Multi-System Involvement for People with BH Needs
Measure Acronym	MSI
Measure Description	Percent <u>of</u> system-involved people living with BH needs <u>who</u> are involved in more than one system (justice involvement, homelessness, people with institutional stays, foster care) in a five-year period
Publication Year	2029
Measure Steward	DHCS
Measure Goal	Cross-Goal: BHSA Priority Population
Measure Category	N/A

Category	Description
Responsibility	Cross-Sector Measure
Specification	Specifications are forthcoming in a future data release

TABLE KEY

Table Row Name	Table Row Description and Applicable Options
Measure Acronym	Abbreviation for measure name
Measure Description	Explanation of what the measure assesses, including the relevant population, service, outcome, or process being measured
Publication Year	Year the measure is expected to be publicly available.
Measure Steward	Entity responsible for defining and overseeing the measure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » <i>DHCS Measure</i>: Indicates a new measure that DHCS has developed as part of the BHT performance measure set » External organization as noted in the table
Measure Goal	Indicates which of the 14 statewide BH goals the measure is associated with
Measure Category	There are three options to describe the type of measure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Goal Measures: Assess whether interventions are making progress toward the statewide behavioral health goal. » Sub-Goal Measures: Assess intermediate outcomes of county BH and/or Medi-Cal MCP interventions. » Intervention Measures: Assess delivery of county BH and/or Medi-Cal MCP services.
Responsibility	The entity or entities responsible for achieving performance on a measure, including implementation and monitoring. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » County Behavioral Health Plan (BHP) Measure: BHP responsible for performance. » Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) Measure: MCP responsible for performance. » Joint Medi-Cal MCP and County BHP Measure: Shared responsibility across BHPs and MCPs for performance. » Cross-Sector Measure: Shared responsibility across systems; requires coordinated efforts across BHPs, MCPs, and other external partners to advance progress on the goal.

Table Row Name	Table Row Description and Applicable Options
Specification	Indicates whether the measure specification is included in the BHT Performance Measures Specifications Manual as of July 2026, are maintained by outside entities, or are forthcoming in a future data release.

KEY MEASURE DEFINITIONS

At Risk of or Experiencing Homelessness

DHCS identifies people who are enrolled in Medi-Cal or receiving other county BH services who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness in a 12-month period, in alignment with the [federal](#) and [BHSA definitions](#) of experiencing homelessness and based on available data.

Behavioral Health and Mental Health Needs

“Behavioral Health Needs” (BH needs) denotes a broad range of people who have a need for behavioral health services, including mental health and/or SUD services to address mild, moderate, or significant needs. “Mental Health Needs” (MH needs) denotes a subset of Behavioral Health Needs that focuses on people with mental health needs (e.g., it does not include individuals with SUD who do not also have MH needs). These needs are identified based on diagnoses, utilization, and system involvement.

Core Clinical Services to Address Behavioral Health

“Core clinical services” (Core CS) are intended to capture services that assess and treat BH conditions across mild, moderate, and significant levels of need. These services focus on outpatient care delivered in community or clinic settings, including ongoing (longitudinal) treatment for individuals with behavioral health needs; for example, outpatient visits or intensive outpatient encounters with a behavioral health primary diagnosis code, non-residential substance abuse treatment facility visits, and peer supports. Core CS excludes inpatient, ED, and crisis services.

Foster Care Involvement

DHCS identifies people enrolled in foster care if they have indications of foster care enrollment in the Medi-Cal Eligibility and Enrollment data, which captures Foster Care Aid Codes.

Incarceration

Incarceration is intended to identify any person who is detained in any of the following correctional facilities: Jails, State Prisons, Federal Prisons, and Youth Correctional Facilities.

JI Reentry Enrollee

DHCS defines a JI Reentry enrollee as someone who is enrolled in pre-release services as part of the CalAIM JI Reentry Initiative. The CalAIM JI Reentry Initiative offers a targeted set of Medi-Cal services (e.g., MAT, case management, and a supply of medication) to eligible youth and adults in correctional facilities for up to 90 days prior to release. The goal of the initiative is to improve continuity of coverage and care upon release into the community.⁴

Medi-Cal or BHSA Housing Services

Medi-Cal or BHSA Housing Services refers to services designed to support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Individuals are counted as having received a “Medi-Cal or BHSA housing service” if they had evidence of receiving Housing Community Supports; Transitional Rent; or BHSA housing interventions.

Significant Behavioral Health, Significant Mental Health, and SUD Needs

“Significant Behavioral Health Needs” (significant BH needs) is meant to denote a narrower set of people who have BH needs that are more likely to be associated with functional impairment, including those who may have a need for more specialized or comprehensive BH services. Their behavioral health likely requires close collaboration between MCPs and BHPs to determine the best system of BH care and where specialty BH support may be needed, depending on the

⁴ More information on the CalAIM JI Reentry Initiative is available at: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CalAIM/Justice-Involved-Initiative/Pages/home.aspx>.

individual's status. "Significant Mental Health Needs" (significant MH needs) denotes a subset of Significant Behavioral Health Needs that focuses on people with MH needs, and "SUD Needs" denotes a subset that focuses on people with SUD needs. These needs are identified based on diagnoses, utilization, and system involvement.