

Hospital Supplier Diversity Program

Assembly Bill 962 (Chapter 815, Statutes of 2019) requires the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI), formerly known as the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), to develop and administer a hospital supplier diversity program to collect and post hospital supplier diversity reports explaining the hospital's supplier diversity statement and expressing its goals regarding certified minority, women, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT), and disabled veteran business enterprises whenever possible.

HCAI is responsible for convening a hospital diversity commission comprised of the public and health care, diversity, and procurement stakeholders to advise HCAI and the hospital industry on best methods to increase procurement with diverse suppliers within the hospital industry and to promote and provide outreach to hospitals that are actively engaged in supplier diversity issues.

Hospitals, with operating expenses over a specified amount, are required to annually submit a report to HCAI on their minority, women, LGBT, and disabled veteran business enterprise procurement efforts. HCAI is required to maintain a link on the HCAI website that provides access to the content of hospital supplier diversity reports to the public.

The first submission of supplier diversity reports were due to HCAI July 1, 2021 and were guided based on the requirements stated in the statute. HCAI will work with the hospitals and supplier diversity commission to develop regulations for subsequent reporting periods.

Projected Time	Period Project Activities
January 2022 to March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publish draft regulations and take public comment.• Submit final regulations to Office of Administrative Law.

April 2022 to June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish additional report guidance for 2nd year hospital reports to HCAI website. • Regulations become effective. • Deploy online reporting system. • Begin collection and review of 2nd year hospital reports. • Convene Hospital Supplier Diversity Commission to discuss recommendations on best methods to increase procurement with diverse suppliers within the hospital industry.
July 2022 to September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize collection of 2nd year hospital reports. • Publish commission recommendations to HCAI website.
October 2022 to December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene Hospital Supplier Diversity Commission to review and discuss 2nd year reports.

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