

Office of Health Care Affordability
Department of Health Care Access and Information

Total Health Care Expenditures (THCE) Data Submitter Workgroup

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Agenda

1. Submitter Registration Overview and Demo
2. PGP encryption and SFTP Overview
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THCE Regulations and DSG

- Office of Administrative Law approved updates to the THCE regulations and Data Submission Guide on April 17, 2025.
- DSG Version 2.0 and the April 2025 Attribution Addendum can be found on HCAI's website:

<https://hcai.ca.gov/affordability/ohca/slow-spending-growth/#total-health-care-expenditures-thce>

Submitter Registration Overview and Demo

Who is Required to Register?

- Payers and fully integrated delivery systems (FIDS) that insure at least 40,000 covered lives in any market (commercial, Medi-Cal, Medicare)
 - Payers and fully integrated delivery systems that qualify based on one market's coverage must report data on behalf of all markets
 - If a payer or FIDS operates under multiple licenses (*i.e.*, DMHC, CDI, Medi-Cal) they must register each license separately
- Submitter registration occurs in the Onpoint Claims Data Manager (CDM) portal

Overview of Submitter Registration

- Getting started
 - Registration opens 5/1/2025
 - Submitters will receive an email with a link to the registration form
 - Save your progress at any time
 - Due by 5/31/2025
 - Submitters are encouraged to complete registration as soon as possible to facilitate next steps for data submission testing

Changes to Registration for 2025

- There is no longer a requirement for a PO-TIN list attachment
- Registration now required at the licensed entity level (previously required at the parent organization level)
- For each market category, registrants will report the number of covered lives as of December 31st of the most recent reporting year
- Market category descriptions have been updated. See THCE DSG version 2.0 for additional information.

Submitter Registration - Example

- Consistent with the Healthcare Payments Data Program (HPD), registration is at the licensed entity level for 2025.
- Submitter 'A'
 - Parent organization with 3 licensed plans

Submission Year	Parent Organization	Licensed Entity (e.g., CDI, DMHC)	Assigned Submitter Code
2024	Health Plan 'A'	License 1, License 2, License 3	CHC1234
2025	Health Plan 'A'	License 1	CHC1234A
	Health Plan 'A'	License 2	CHC1234B
	Health Plan 'A'	License 3	CHC1234C

Submitter Registration - Example

- Submitter 'B'
 - Parent organization with 1 licensed plan

Submission Year	Parent Organization	Licensed Entity (e.g., CDI, DMHC)	Assigned Submitter Code
2024	Health Plan 'B'	License 1	CHC1234
2025	Health Plan 'B'	License 1	CHC1234

Submitter Registration FAQs

Q: I just completed CDM registration in April for non-claims payment data. Do I need to re-register in May?

A: Yes. The April registration was for the Healthcare Payments Data (HPD) program, not OHCA.

Q: The HPD program has a two-tier registration with plan registration followed by submitter registration. Will I be completing two registration forms for OHCA?

A: No. The OHCA registration process consists of one registration form for each licensed entity (submitter) under your organization.

Submitter Registration Demo

 **ONPOINT Health Data**

California Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA)
For support: ohca-support@onpointhealthdata.org

Registration Form for the California Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA)

Welcome to the California Office of Health Care Affordability
Total Health Care Expenditures Registration Form

Welcome to the online registration form for the California Office of Health Care Affordability's (OHCA) Total Health Care Expenditures (THCE) data collection system.

OHCA will use the data collected to analyze health care market spending trends and ultimately enforce health care spending targets. OHCA recognizes that it is in the public interest that all Californians receive health care that is accessible, affordable, equitable, high-quality, and universal.

The following section provides additional details regarding the registration process, which should take no more than 10 minutes if you have your information gathered when starting the form.

Click Here To Get Started

<https://ohca-registration-stage.onpointhealthdata.org>

PGP Encryption and SFTP Overview

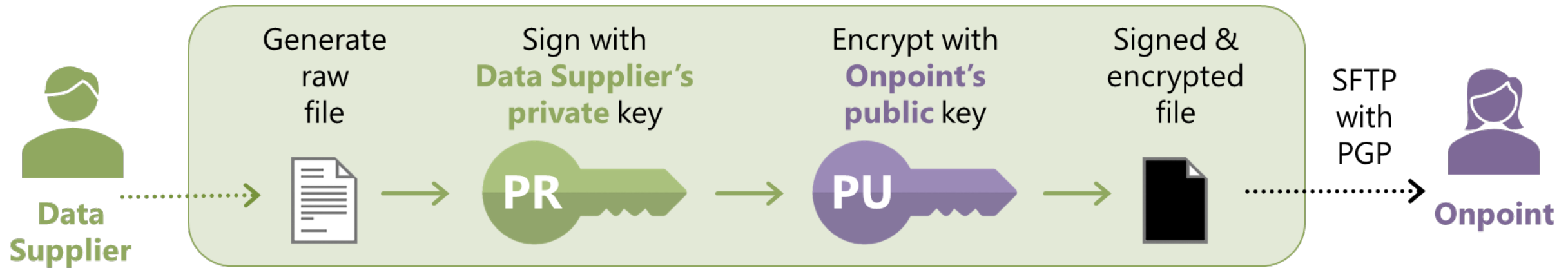
Overview of Two File Submission Options

- Option #1: Upload Files Manually with the Portal
- Option #2: Submit Files via SFTP
 - Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP)
 - Allows file transmissions between a client and a host system through an encrypted channel



Required for Both Options: PGP Encryption

- Allows for secure exchanges of data between two parties using a public and private key pair to encrypt sensitive data



PGP Encryption & SFTP: The Basics

- Onpoint uses PGP encryption to protect files (at rest) and confirm the sender
- As part of PGP encryption and SFTP data transfer, submitters will generate two sets of key pairs:
 1. A PGP key pair, used for encrypting your data
 2. An SSH (Secure Shell) key pair, used for SFTP account authentication
- Both PGP and SSH key pairs have a public and a private key
 - Private keys should never be shared and should be backed up
 - Public keys are transferable and will be shared with Onpoint
- Different organizations have different security requirements; contact your IT team to confirm your organization's firewall access

Next Steps - SFTP Set-up / PGP Encryption

- Onpoint has created a user guide for PGP set-up and SFTP connectivity that details all aspects of the process, including...
 - Step-by-step directions regarding PGP and SSH key generation
 - An overview of establishing SFTP connectivity with Onpoint
 - Guidelines for file signing, encryption, and decryption
- Onpoint will email submitters the registration form and user guide once the submitter has completed registration
- Communicate with your IT department to coordinate SFTP connectivity efforts
- **Please note:** While submitters are encouraged to prepare PGP and SSH key pairs and initiate internal requests for PGP encryption and SFTP connectivity, Onpoint cannot complete SFTP requests until the submitter's **registration is complete.**

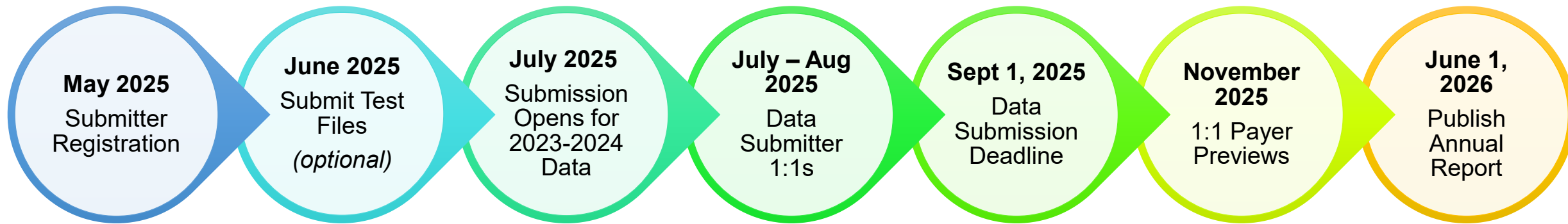
Next Steps - SFTP Set-up / PGP Encryption

- Once registration is completed, Onpoint will reach out to submitters, via email, to confirm submitter codes and to discuss submitter-specific SFTP / PGP requirements
- Returning submitters can continue to use their existing PGP and SSH keys from the 2024 submission if no changes are needed
- If a returning submitter has multiple licensed entities in 2025, confirm that existing keys from 2024 should be used for all entities/submitter codes
- Submitters are strongly encouraged to submit test files in the June 2025 timeframe for testing of PGP encryption and SFTP set-up

Submitter Round Table

Next Steps

2025 Data Collection Timeline



Next Steps

- Next workgroup meeting: May 21, 2025, 1:00 – 2:30pm
- Topics
 - DSG files overview
 - Non-Claims Payment categories and subcategories
 - Attributing total medical expense to provider organizations
- Send questions in advance to OHCA@HCAI.ca.gov