# Health Care Payments Data Program

**Background**

Assembly Bill 80 (AB 80) (Chapter 12, Statutes of 2020) requires the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) to create and administer a statewide Health Care Payments Data Program (HPD), often referred to as an All-Payer Claims Database or APCD.

HCAI is required to establish and administer the HPD Program to collect health care data from health care plans, health insurers, government agencies and others (Health and Safety Code Section 127671.1). The data in the HPD System is intended to support greater health care cost transparency and will be used to inform policy decisions regarding the provision of quality health care, and to reduce health care costs and disparities. The information is also to be used to develop innovative approaches, services, and programs that may have the potential to deliver health care that is both cost effective and responsive to the needs of all Californians.

The HPD Advisory Committee meets quarterly and advises HCAI on the ongoing administration of the database, such as key public reporting priorities that can inform the most pressing public policy issues. Meetings are open to the public. In July 2024, the HPD Advisory Committee made recommendations on integrating state public health data with the HPD system, which was a requirement of the HPD statute.

**Public Reporting**

HCAI is required to produce publicly available information from the database, including data products and analytic reports, to support the goals of the program. HCAI released the first public report in June 2023. HCAI has to date published three analytic reports from the HPD:

1. **The HPD Snapshot** provides a wealth of information about what data is available in the HPD, with visualizations that allow users to explore how many Californians received coverage from each payer type and the number of medical or pharmacy service records generated.

2. **The Healthcare Measures Report** presents a series of visualizations for health conditions, healthcare utilization, and patient demographics.

3. **The HPD Prescription Drug Cost Report** is the first report on healthcare costs from the HPD and presents the top-25 costliest, most prescribed, and highest out-of-pocket cost fee-for-service paid drugs in the commercial market in 2021.

**Data Access & Release**

HCAI is also required to develop a comprehensive data access and release program. HCAI began accepting requests for non-public HPD data in December 2024. To support effective implementation of the data access and release program, the department convened the HPD Data Release Committee, which is charged with advising HCAI and reviewing requests for access to non-public data. The HPD Data Release Committee meets regularly. Meetings are open to the public.

**Improvement & Expansion**

To maximize its utility and value for California policymakers, researchers, and others interested in improving California's healthcare system, HCAI intends to make the HPD System as comprehensive as possible by increasing the volume and variety of data collected over time. HCAI will continue to evaluate and report on HPD data quality and completeness for transparency to support continuous improvement.

In March 2024 HCAI submitted a report to the California Legislature on the status of the HPD, with a focus on the completeness and quality of data included in the initial give years of historical data that has been loaded into the HPD System.

**Upcoming Activities**

The list of upcoming activities below outlines the activities HCAI will conduct to implement and operate the HPD Program from January 2025 to December 2026.

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| Projected Time | Period Program Activities |
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| January to June 2025 | <ul><li>Continue producing analytic reports and processing applications for non-public data.</li><li>Complete collection of initial historical dental data; begin collection of monthly dental data files.</li><li>Complete rulemaking to establish non-claims payments data collection regulations.</li></ul> |
| July to December 2025 | <ul><li>Continue producing analytic reports and processing applications for non-public data.</li><li>Begin collection of non-claims payment data, such as capitation payments.</li><li>Prepare dental data for public reporting and data release.</li></ul> |
| January to June 2026 | <ul><li>Continue producing analytic reports and processing applications for non-public data.</li></ul> |
| July to December 2026 | <ul><li>Continue producing analytic reports and processing applications for non-public data.</li><li>Complete collection of initial historical non-claims payment data.</li><li>Prepare non-claims payment data for public reporting and data release.</li></ul> |

**Privacy & Security**

*HCAI has collected, managed, and successfully protected sensitive and confidential health data for decades. HCAI ensures that the security, privacy, and confidentiality of consumers' individually identifiable health information is protected in a manner consistent with state and federal privacy laws. A core principle is that protected health data managed by HCAI is used to learn and provide information about healthcare systems and populations at large, not individual patients. Read more about how HCAI data is protected.*

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