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Department of Health Care Access and Information

Healthcare Payments Data Program Submitter Group

January 8, 2026

This meeting will be recorded.

Thank you for joining.

Housekeeping

- This meeting is being recorded.
- All attendees are muted upon entry
- Presentation materials are available at the HPD Submitters Website
- This meeting will have time for Questions & Answers

Today's Agenda

1. Welcome and Key Program Updates
2. NCP Data Submission Status Update and Resources
3. Submitter & Plan Registrations and APCD-CDL v4.0.1 Transition
4. Regulations Changes
5. Data Quality Plan Report Status Update
6. Questions & Answers – Open Forum
7. Program Reminders
8. Adjournment

Welcome and Key Program Updates

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Key Program Updates

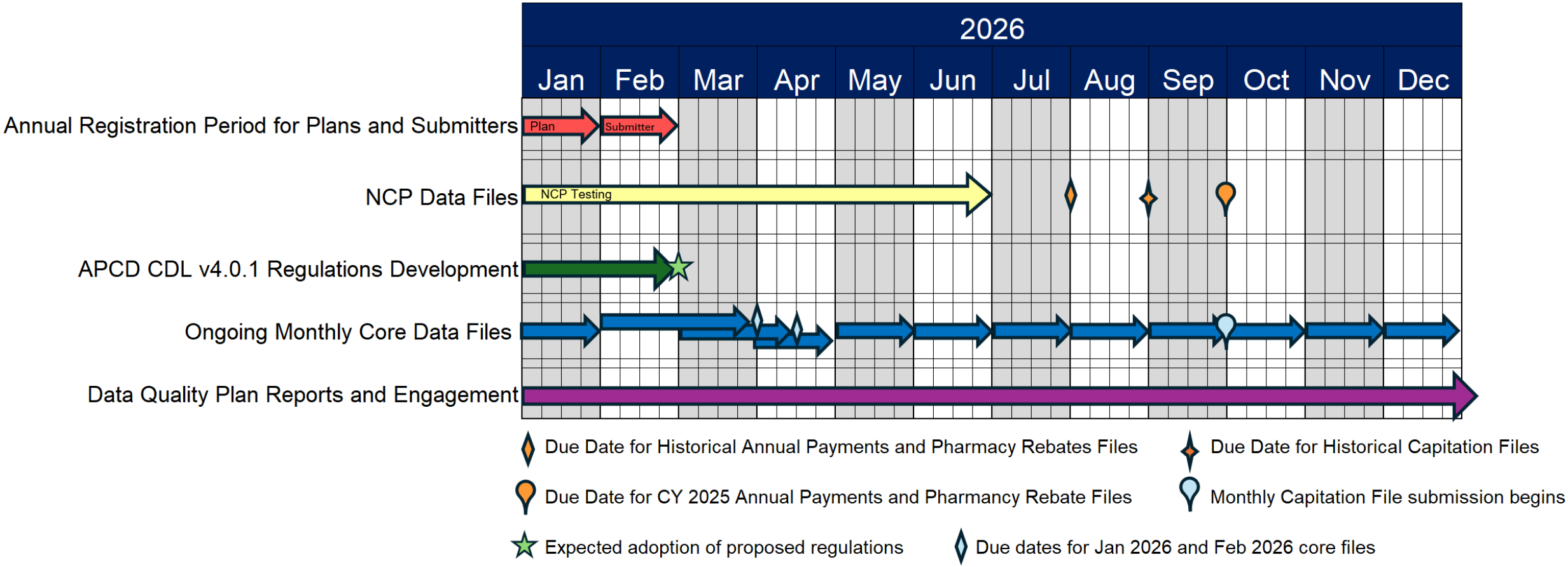
- HPD Key Deadlines
- HPD 2026 Timeline
- Annual Plan and Submitter Registration Reminder
- HPD Data Intake Validations Update
- Upcoming HPD Committee Meetings

HPD Key Deadlines

Date	Event
January 2, 2026	Annual Plan Registration required during the month of January
January 2, 2026	November 2025 monthly core files due
February 1, 2026	Annual Submitter Registration required during the month of February
February 1, 2026	December 2025 monthly core files due
By the end of February 2026	Anticipated APCD CDL v4.0.1 regulations adoption
*March 31, 2026	*January 2026 monthly core files due
*April 13, 2026	*February 2026 monthly core files due
May 1, 2026	March 2026 monthly core files due
June 30, 2026	Successfully complete testing for each historical NCP Data File type your plan will submit
July 31, 2026	Historical Annual Payment Files and Pharmacy Rebate Files for the time period from June 29, 2017, through December 31, 2024 due
September 1, 2026	Historical Capitation Files, for the time period from June 29, 2017, through July 31, 2026 due
September 30, 2026	Initiation of ongoing Annual Payment and Pharmacy Rebate files, starting with CY 2025 due
October 1, 2026	Initiation of ongoing Monthly Capitation file, starting with August 2026 due

*adjusted due date to accommodate regulation adoption

HPD Timeline for 2026



Annual Registration Reminder

- Complete plan registration by the end of January
- Submitter registration cannot be started until plan registration is complete
- Complete submitter registration by the end of February

HPD Data Submission Intake Validations

- HCAI is changing intake validations to be stricter in excluding non-CA residents
- All HPD files must only include data for California residents, regardless of where the services were provided
- Exclude all other members

Upcoming HPD Committee Meeting

- HPD Advisory Committee
  - January 22, 2026
- HPD Submitter Group
  - April 9, 2026
- HPD Data Release Committee
  - February 18, 2026

NCP Data Submission Status Update and Resources

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NCP Data Submission Testing Update

- The number of plans represented: **51**
- The number of submitters we expect to receive NCP files from: **37**
- The number of submitters that have submitted a test file: **25**

Revisions to NCP Data Elements

- CDLPR005 Drug Code – NDC Product Code
  - Both 9-digit and 11-digit NDC product codes are currently allowed, but the 11-digit format is preferred for more accurate pharmacy file submissions. Once the APCD CDL v4.0.1 is adopted, submitters will need to use the 11-digit format
- CDLCF019 Total Paid Amount
  - Report all payment amounts without rounding to ensure greater accuracy for smaller payments

NCP Testing Resources

- Section 5 of the HPD Reporting Manual v3.0 has more information on submission requirements
  - Section 5.2 provides information on what data to include in each file
  - Section 5.12 provides information on submitting test files and current testing deadlines
  - Appendix D outlines the validations utilized by HCAI's data vendor to assess the initial quality and completeness of each HCAI non-claims data submission
  - Appendix E lists primary care code sets
- NCP Data Layout Submission Scenarios document provides sample data for Annual Payments, Pharmacy Rebates, and Capitation files and guidance on formatting specific fields in each file

NCP Testing Feedback

- Please email feedback or questions identified during the NCP testing process to hpd@hcai.ca.gov

Submitter & Plan Registrations and APCD-CDL v4.0.1 Transition

Nicole Jakubowski,
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2026 Plan and Submitter Registrations

Both Plan and Submitter registrations are required for 2026

- Plan registrations indicate who is submitting data on their behalf for each file type, including NCP file types
- Submitter registrations indicate the plan(s) on whose behalf each submitter is submitting data for each file type, including NCP file types

Registration Periods

- Plan Registration: January 1, 2026 – January 31, 2026
- Submitter Registration: February 1, 2026 – February 28, 2026
- HPD will send out reminders beginning in January 2026
- Links to the plan and submitter registrations will be included

Getting Started with the APCD-CDL™ (Version 4.0.1)

- Governed by the APCD-CDL Maintenance Committee
- Updated every other year
- Use the following link to download a free copy:
  - Download APCD-CDL™ | APCD Council

APCD-CDL™ (Version 4.0.1) Transition

- 2026 files need to be in APCD-CDL v4.0.1 format
  - Files will fail in formatting if not in APCD-CDL v4.0.1
- 2026-01 files are due on March 31, 2026
- 2026-02 files are due on April 13, 2026

- Insights into APCD-CDL v4.0.1
  - No elements added or removed
  - Field length changes
  - Description updates
  - Sub-category and category additions

Key Updates to APCD-CDL™ v4.0.1 Data Elements

CLDPC065 – Record Status Code Update

The code set for CLDPC065 – Record Status Code has been revised and published in APCD-CDL™ version 4.0.1. This change is intended to ensure consistency and clarity in data reporting.

CDLPR005 – Drug Code Reporting Requirements

Both 9-digit and 11-digit NDC product codes are currently allowed, but the 11-digit format is preferred. Once the APCD CDL v4.0.1 is adopted, submitters will need to use the 11-digit format. This standardization supports improved accuracy in pharmaceutical data submissions.

Key Updates to APCD-CDL™ v4.0.1 Data Elements

CDLCF019 – Total Paid Amount Rounding Rules

- Traditional rounding rules previously resulted in capitation payments of less than $1.00 being reported as $0.00. The regulations and reporting manual have been updated to remove these rounding rules, ensuring that small payment amounts are now reported more accurately and transparently.

Alignment of Member Insurance/Product Category Codes

- The descriptions for CDLMC004, CDLDC004, and CDLPC004 have been clarified to explicitly require that the Member Insurance/Product Category code must correspond with the member's enrollment (CDLME004) during the time of service.
- This alignment is critical for maintaining the integrity of reported enrollment and coverage information.

Key Updates to APCD-CDL™ v4.0.1 Data Elements

Medical Claims File: Present on Admission Code (CDLMC062 – CDLMC086) Updates

- The Medical Claims file has updated the descriptions for the Present on Admission (POA) codes, specifically CDLMC062 through CDLMC086. These updates clarify the meaning and application of the existing codes.
- A new code has been introduced: **1 = Unreported/Not Used. Exempt from POA Reporting.**
- This code serves as an explicit indicator when POA reporting is not applicable and is equivalent to leaving the field blank on the UB-04 form.
- This new code provides a standardized approach for indicating exemption from POA reporting.

Key Updates to APCD-CDL™ v4.0.1 Data Elements

Annual Payment File: New Member Count and Member Months Categories

The Annual Payment file introduces new reporting categories for both the Member Count (CDLAP014) and Member Months (CDLAP015) data elements, enhancing granularity and clarity in data submission.

- **CDLAP014 Member Count**
  - **Category = ‘C’:** Represents the total number of members associated with shared savings or recoupments.
- **CDLAP015 Member Months**
  - **Subcategory = ‘C5’:** Refers to the total number of member months associated with risk for total cost of care savings.
  - **Subcategory = ‘C6’:** Refers to the total number of member months associated with risk for total cost of care recoupments.

Regulations Changes

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Proposed Changes to Data Collection Regulations

Two public comment periods completed:

- Initial 45-day: September 12, 2025 – October 30, 2025
- Second 15-day: November 3, 2025 – November 18, 2025

Proposed changes include:

- Extending monthly data file submissions for both January 2026 and February 2026 reporting periods.
- Adding additional guidance regarding plans that do not have the specified historical data files to submit.
- Adopting APCD-CDL Version 4.0.1 (released February 2025), which incorporates the NCP Data Layout, and updating implementation date to March 31, 2026, for January 2026 monthly data files and onward.
- Adopting HPD Data Submission Guide Version 4.0 (released October 31, 2025) and updating implementation date to March 31, 2026, for January 2026 monthly data files and onward.
  - Updating registration and encryption requirements.
  - Updating Pharmacy Rebates File Field to require 11-digit National Drug Code.
  - Updating Capitation File Field to require reporting of unrounded amounts.

View proposed language on the HCAI Laws & Regulations website.

Regulations Update Anticipated Timeline

- Final rulemaking package currently in internal review process.
- Anticipated to be sent to Office of Administrative Law mid-January 2026.
- Final regulations anticipated to be adopted by end of February 2026.

Data Quality Plan Report Status Update

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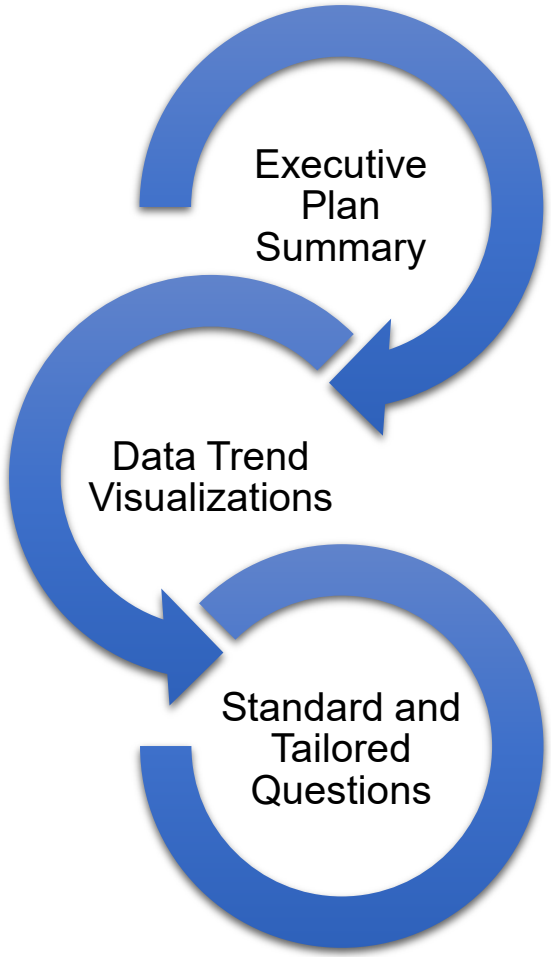
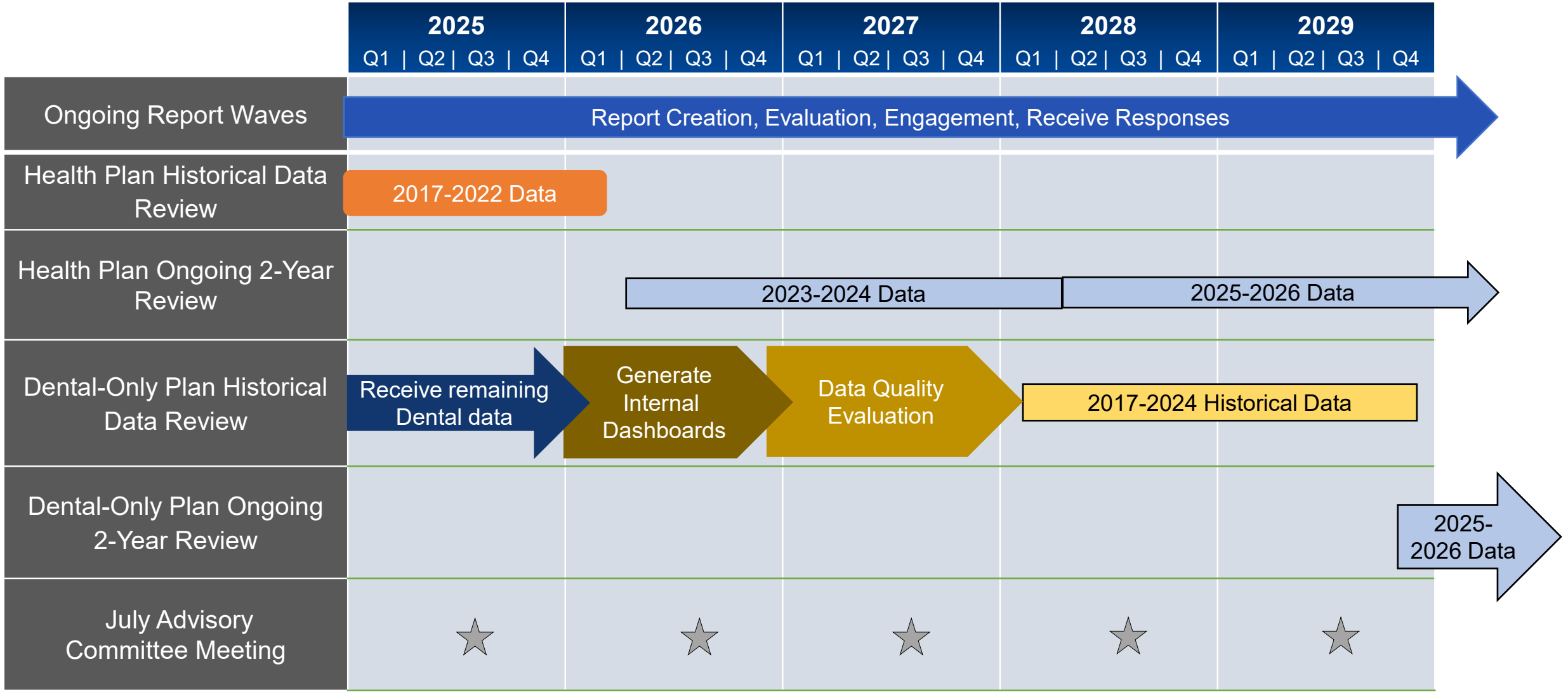
Data Quality Reports (DQR) and Engagement

- Initiated annual reports and engagement with plans in May 2024
- Opportunity for plans to validate data in HPD, feedback loop with plans to share experiences and best practices
- Developed standard and tailored questions for each plan to gain further insight on data quality



Data Quality Report Roadmap



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Questions & Answers

HCAI Team

Q & A Session Operations

- Questions posed in Chat will be addressed first.
- If you raise your hand, a number will appear next to your hand, and it is the order in which we will get to your raised hand.
- Please ask us anything that pertains to Healthcare Payments Data and how we can help you provide that information.
- All questions will be collected and sent out after the meeting by email.

Program Reminders

Suzanne Hermreck,

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HPD Resources - References

- HPD Program Data Submission Guide v3.0
- APCD-CDL™ v3.0.1
- HPD Program Reporting Manual v3.0
- HPD Program Regulations
- NCP Data Layout™, the data layout for Non-Claims Payments, v1.0
- NCP Data Layout Submission Scenarios

HPD Resources - Webpages

- HPD Program Webpage
  - Includes program goals, reporting principles, statute, resources and regulations.
- HPD Submitter Group Webpage
  - Submitter resources: Claims Data Manager (CDM), Data Submission Guide, APCD-CDL™, NCP Data Layout, HPD Reporting Manual, past meeting information and trainings, 2020 Legislative Report, etc.

HPD Resources – Fact Sheets

- Healthcare Payments Data (HPD) Fact Sheet
- Non-Claims Payment (NCP) Fact Sheet

HPD Resources - Mail

- Mailing List
  - Join HPD's mailing list and stay up to date on other HPD News.
- Contact Us
  - hpd@hcai.ca.gov: regulation or statute interpretation, or program implementation questions.
  - hpd-support@onpointhealthdata.org: data submission, technical data file specifications, or mapping questions.
  - Be sure to add noreply@hcai.ca.gov to safe sender list.

Adjournment

Thank you for attending!

The next meeting will be April 9, 2026