HCAi Department of Health Care Access and Information FACT SHEET

Primary Care Clinic Data Modernization Act

Senate Bill 779 (Chapter 505, Statutes of 2023) expands the Department of Health Care Access and Information's (HCAI) existing Primary Care Clinic Annual Utilization Report Program and the data California clinics report to HCAI and that HCAI subsequently publishes to its website for public transparency. The bill revises reporting requirements for clinics as well as extends the application of the reporting requirements to intermittent clinics, adding data from over 1,100 clinics annually with over 400 new data elements, nearly doubling the number of data elements being collected from facilities currently reporting.

This bill requires additional information to be included in each clinic report, including preferred language spoken, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and payor type for clinic patients. It requires primary care clinics participating in Medi-Cal or county indigent programs to include the number of assigned members per Medi-Cal managed care plan and county indigent program and those with one or more clinic visits.

Additionally, the bill adds new workforce data collection requirements including a detailed labor report with the number of employees and full-time equivalents, staff vacancies by job classification, and average base hourly wage ranges by job classification. Clinics that file a Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax form (Form 990) with the Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service are also required to include information on the job title and salary of five highest compensated employees as well as aggregate workforce demographic data for each clinic site.

Finally, the bill requires a new, detailed workforce development report that includes information on participation in local, regional, or statewide labor-management cooperation committees, and data on allied health care and behavioral health professional programs and the number of clinical placements for each program.

Individual patient and employee information is subject to the California Health and Human Services Agency De-Identification Guidelines requirements prior to HCAI making the information public on its website.[1]

The list below includes program activities through December 2028, and ongoing. HCAI will work with stakeholders to develop program regulations to specify the revised reporting requirements.

[1] https://chhsdata.github.io/dataplaybook/documents/CHHS-DDG-V1.0-092316.pdf

Projected Time	Period Program Activities
January 2025 to December 2025	• Initiate program planning for implementation of new reporting requirements. • Research for new and updated reporting requirements.
January 2026 to December 2026	• Conduct initial stakeholder engagement on reporting requirements. • Review requirements for changes to current data infrastructure and related processes to collect new and updated data elements. • Modify existing data infrastructure to collect new and updated data elements. • Begin rulemaking process to further specify the revised reporting requirements. • Develop data submission resource documentation.
January 2027 to December 2027	• Develop program data de-identification processes and guidance for technical assistance. • Complete modification of data infrastructure to collect new and updated data elements. • Perform outreach and assistance to data submitters to prepare for first year of data collection. • Complete rulemaking process to further specify the revised reporting requirements.
January 2028 to December 2028	• Regulations become effective. • Collect and review reports. The expanded reports for calendar year 2027 are due by March 15, 2028. • Publish list of clinics that fail to file a timely report. • Review of data for completeness, consistency, and compliance with de-identification requirements. • Perform statistical de-identification tasks. • Publish the new and revised reports to the HCAI website.
Ongoing	• Continue to collect and publish clinic reports based on the revised requirements.

	• Maintain the list of clinics that failed to file a timely report.

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