

Health Care Payments Database (HPD)



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OVERVIEW

The HPD is California's All Payer Claims Database, a research database comprised of health care administrative data: claims and encounters generated by transactions among healthcare payers and providers on behalf of insured individuals.

The information from the HPD is intended to support greater healthcare cost transparency, inform policy decisions regarding the provision of quality health care, and reduce healthcare costs and disparities. It is also intended for the information 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.



ALL PAYERS

Commercial, Medi-Cal, Medicare



10 BILLION+ CLAIMS & ENCOUNTERS

As reported from 2018 to 2023



150 MILLION NEW CLAIMS & ENCOUNTERS PER MONTH

Ongoing collection



35 MILLION+ COVERED LIVES

As represented in data from required submitters



MACHINE-READABLE, API-ENABLED OPEN DATA

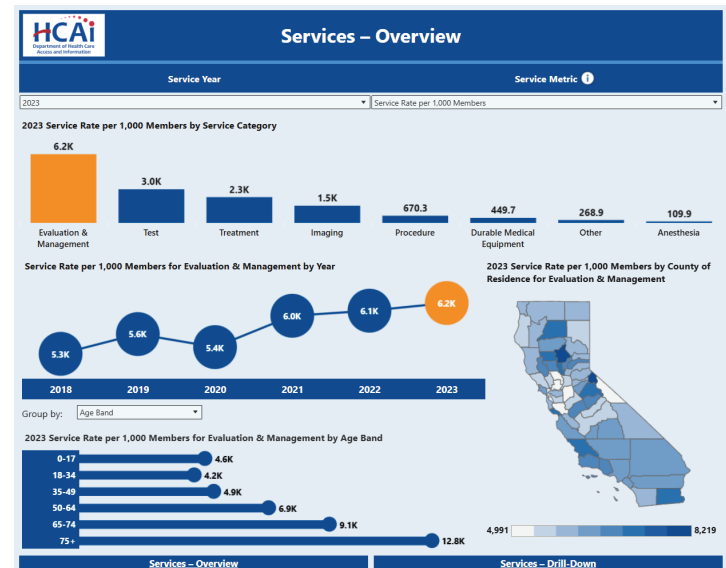
Underlying data is de-identified in public reports

PUBLIC REPORTING

The goal of the HPD is to improve public transparency and create public information that can support informed decisions in health policy and practice. The HPD Program has produced [eight public reports](#) to date.

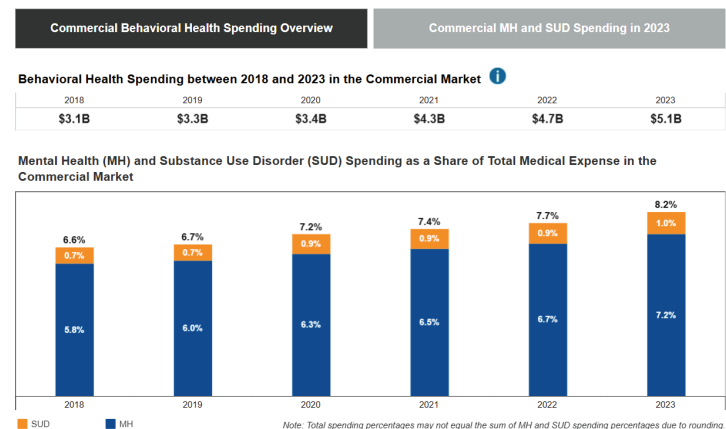
The **HPD Services Report** consists of two dashboards that allow users to explore the types of healthcare services provided to Californians each year

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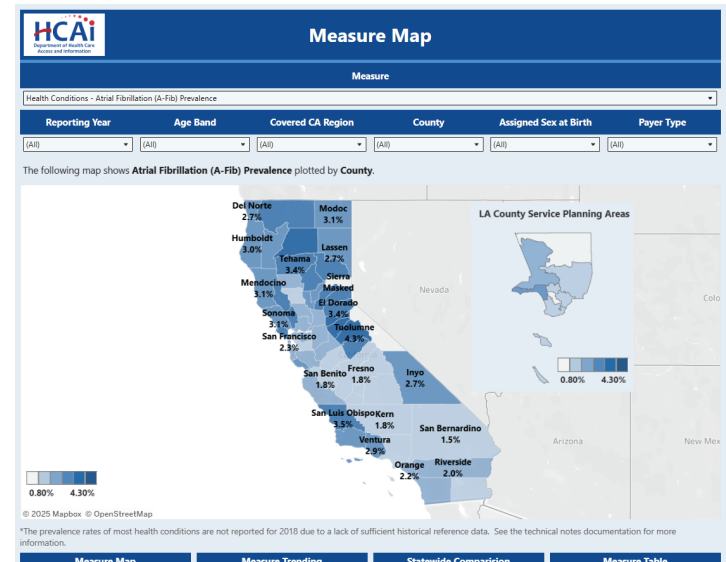
The **Data Brief: Behavioral Health Spending in California's Commercial Market** provides insights into statewide spending on behavioral health services, focusing on claim-based payments in California's commercial market for 2018-2023.

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

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HCAI will continue to advance the accessibility and usefulness of HPD public reports as the database becomes more comprehensive and HCAI builds its capacity over time. HCAI will continue to evaluate and report on HPD data quality and completeness for transparency to support continuous improvement.

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. [Visit HCAI's website for more information.](#)

DATA ACCESS & RELEASE

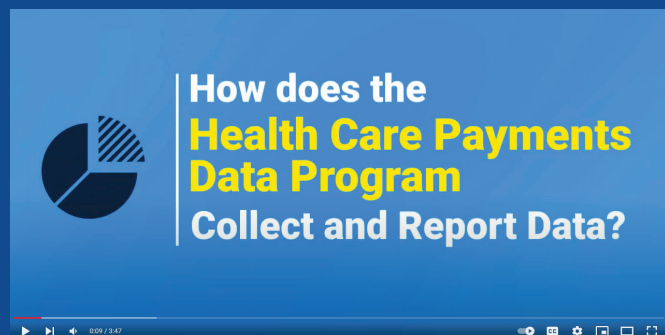
To maximize the use of the HPD, HCAI allows controlled access to non-public data by outside analysts, researchers, and other qualified applicants.

Data applicants can request the several types of datasets, each tailored to different levels of access, detail, and confidentiality.

HCAI developed the following data release principles, in collaboration with its stakeholder advisory committees:

- ✓ Protect patient privacy
- ✓ Support program goals
- ✓ Ensure appropriate data users, uses, methodologies
- ✓ Provide timely access to qualified applicants
- ✓ Enable and support diverse users
- ✓ Complement the HPD public reporting program
- ✓ Support sustainability through user fees

How does the Healthcare Payments Data Program Collect and Report Data?



Watch the video: youtu.be/R9Pe6wwtLsg

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



The 15-member **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. All meetings are open to the public.



The 11-member **Data Release Committee** is responsible for reviewing requests for access to non-public HPD data and making recommendations to HCAI about issues of data privacy and security. All meetings are open to the public.



HCAI regularly convenes health plans and insurers as part of the **HPD Data Submitter Group** to share information and solicit input with the department's valued data submitters.

NEXT STEPS

MILESTONE	ANTICIPATED DATE
Continue to release new and updated analytic reports for public use	Ongoing
Continue to accept requests for non-public data by researchers, state agencies, and other qualified applicants	Ongoing
Workshop pharmacy benefit manager data file and format specifications with stakeholders	Q1-Q2 2026
Promulgate pharmacy benefit manager data collection regulations. Complete collection of initial historical non-claims payment data	Q3-Q4 2026

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