



Tribal and Indian Health Program Representatives Follow-Up Meeting

Department of Health Care Services
April 1, 2022

Overview

- Welcome and Introductions
- Agenda Review
- Items for Next Meeting

Public Health Emergency (PHE) Unwinding

- » **The COVID-19 PHE will end soon and millions of Medi-Cal beneficiaries may lose their coverage.**
- » **Top Goal of DHCS:** Minimize beneficiary burden and promote continuity of coverage for our beneficiaries.
- » **How you can help:**
 - » Become a **DHCS Coverage Ambassador**
 - » Download the Outreach Toolkit on the [DHCS Coverage Ambassador webpage](#)
 - » [Join the DHCS Coverage Ambassador mailing list](#) to receive updated toolkits as they become available

DHCS PHE Unwind Communications Strategy

- **Phase One: Encourage Beneficiaries to Update Contact Information**
 - **Launch immediately**
 - Multi-channel communication campaign to encourage beneficiaries to update contact information with county offices.
 - » Flyers in provider/clinic offices, social media, call scripts, website banners
- **Phase Two: Watch for Renewal Packets in the mail. Remember to update your contact information!**
 - **Launch 60 days prior to COVID-19 PHE termination.**
 - Remind beneficiaries to watch for renewal packets in the mail and update contact information with county office if they have not done so yet.

Update on Tribal Engagement Plan

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Tribal Engagement Plan

- » DHCS revised the Tribal Engagement Plan (TEP) to address comments received
- » The TEP is intended to:
 - Increase engagement between DHCS, Tribes, and Indian health program representatives on DHCS policies and initiatives that affect health care for American Indians in California
 - Build upon the existing Tribal Advisory process
 - Increase the frequency of meetings to facilitate early engagement/discussion on development of DHCS policy
 - Be an evolving document/process
- » Posted on the DHCS website:
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/rural/Pages/IndianHealthProgram.aspx>

Reappointment of American Indian Health Policy Panel (AIHPP)

- » DHCS has committed to reappointing the AIHPP
- » The reappointment process requires that the California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. and the California Consortium for Urban Indian Health submit nominations for five members each
- » DHCS Director appointments AIHPP membership based on nominations received
- » Following appointment OTA staff will communicate with AIHPP membership to provide orientation and establish a meeting calendar
- » DHCS estimates this process will take approximately 4-6 months, but will work with Tribal partners to develop a timeline to reappoint AIHPP membership

Next Step: DHCS to reach out to nominating organizations to provide guidance on written nomination process.

Update on COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

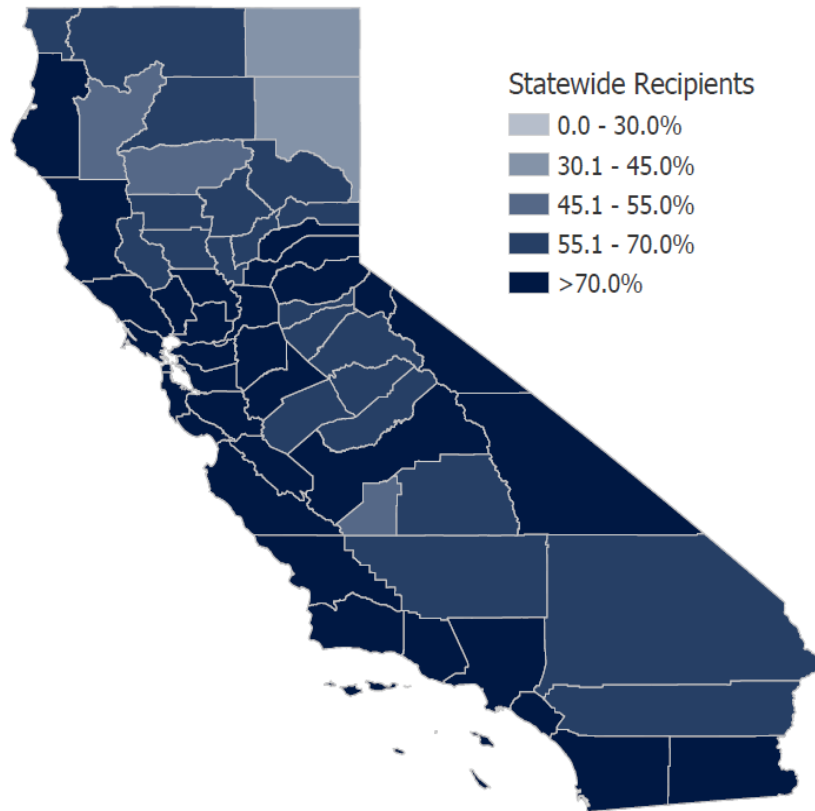
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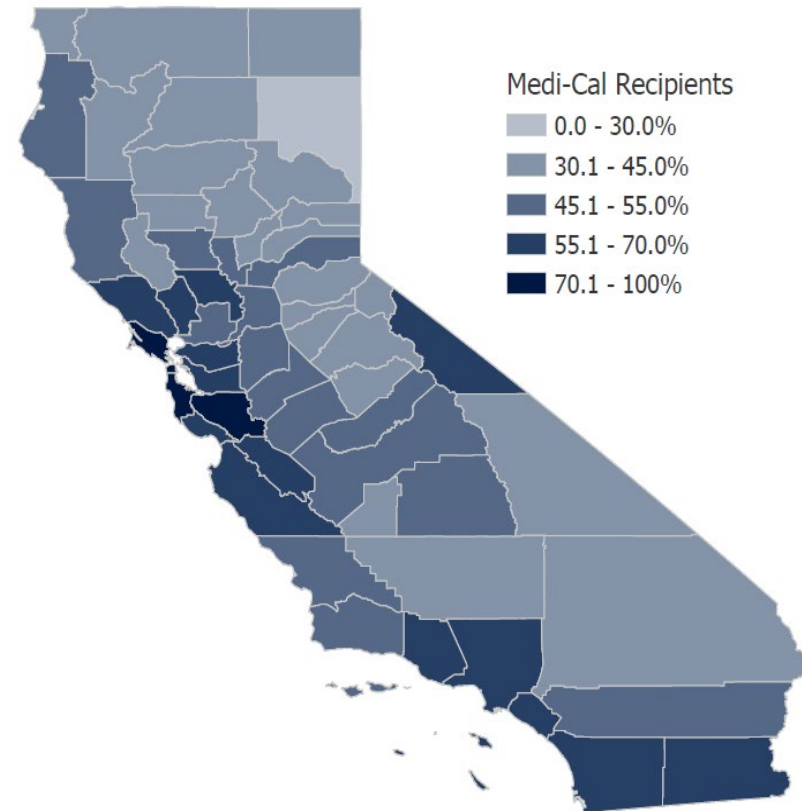
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Percentage of 5+ years old, by county

All Californians



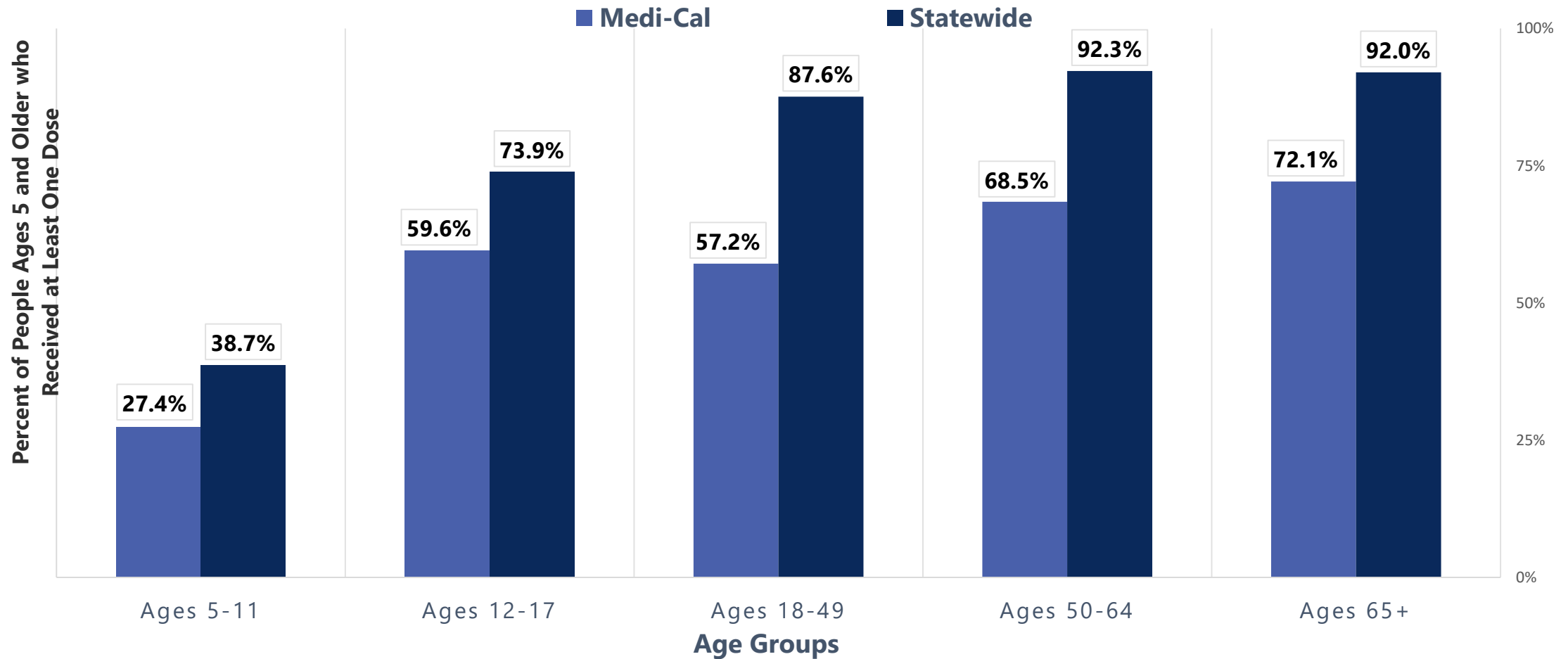
Medi-Cal Beneficiaries



Note: Medi-Cal beneficiaries are a subset of all Californians

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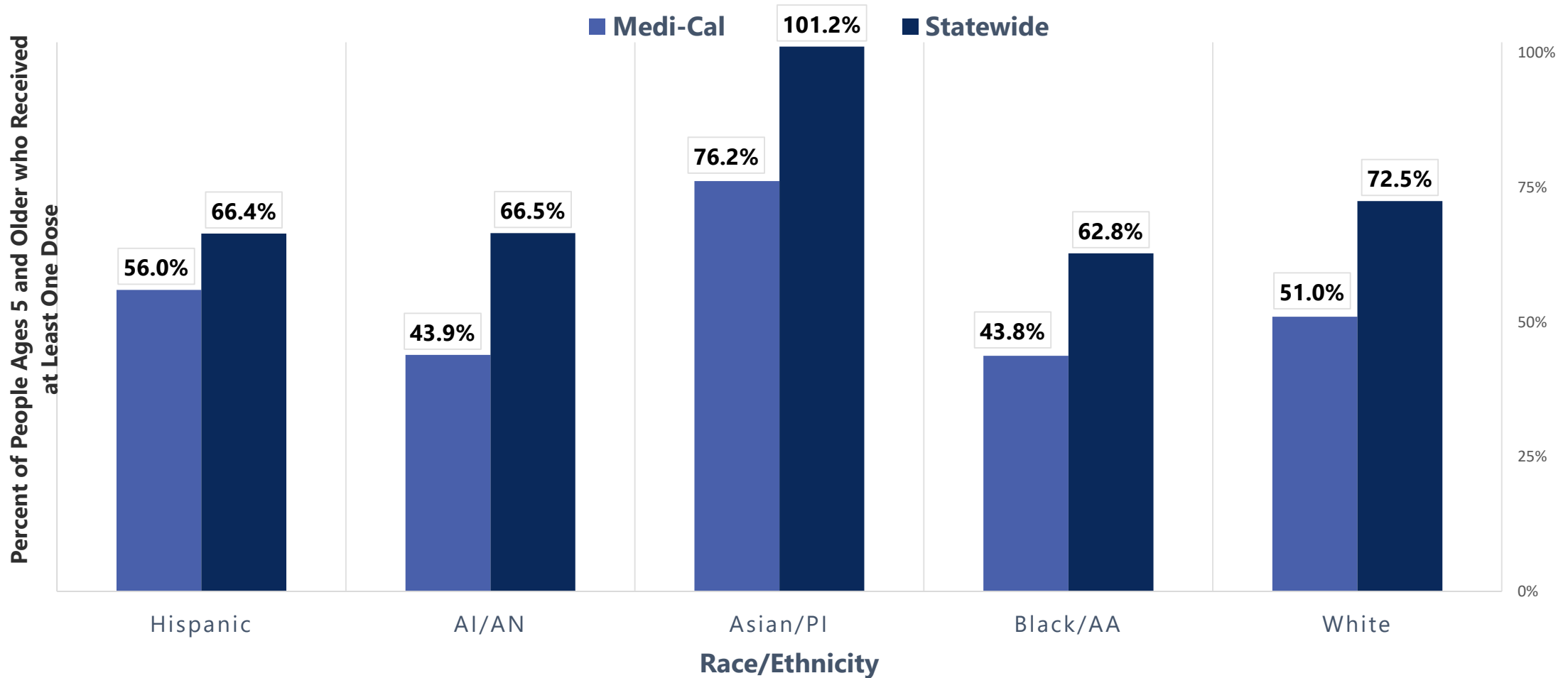
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COVID Vaccine Incentive Program

- » Vaccine Response Plan (\$50M): Submitted by MCPs to DHCS September 1, 2021
- » Direct member incentives (\$100M): Gift cards up to \$50 for members after vaccination
- » Vaccine outcome achievement (\$200M): MCP payments tied to 3 intermediate outcome and 7 vaccine uptake measures
- » Baseline vaccination rate as of August 29, 2021
- » Outcomes evaluated as of...
 - » October 31, 2021
 - » January 2, 2022
 - » March 6, 2022

Vaccine Uptake Outcome Measures

- » Two measures related to race/ethnicity
- » Percent of Medi-Cal beneficiaries ages 12 years and older from the race/ethnicity group with the lowest, and second-lowest, baseline vaccination rate who received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine
- » Almost all plans (23/25) working on improving vaccination rates among Native Americans
- » To receive full payment, plans must close the gap between the vaccination rate among their Native American members and their overall plan vaccination rate

Statewide Progress on Measures 1-3

Vaccine Incentive Program Measure	Rate Aug 29	Rate Oct 31	Target Rate	Met Goal?
Measure 1: Percent of homebound Medi-Cal beneficiaries who received at least one dose	64.7%	68.9%	71.1%	No
Measure 2: Percent of Medi-Cal beneficiaries ages 50-64 years of age with one or more chronic diseases who received at least one dose	66.2%	70.6%	72.8%	No
Measure 3: Percent of primary care providers in the MCP's network providing COVID-19 vaccine in office	49.3%	56.8%	54.2%	Yes

Preliminary data

Statewide Progress on Measures 4-10

Vaccine Incentive Program Measure	Medi-Cal ≥ 1 dose by Aug 29	California ≥ 1 dose by Nov 1	33.3% gap closure target	Medi-Cal ≥ 1 dose by Nov 1	Met Goal?
4: 12+ years	51.1%	78.7%	60.3%	56.3%	No
5: 12-25 years	43.9%	65.5%	51.1%	50.6%	Almost
6: 26-49 years	46.9%	81.4%	58.4%	52.1%	No
7: 50-64 years	60.4%	84.2%	68.3%	63.9%	No
8: 65+ years	69.0%	83.0%	73.7%	71.4%	No
9: Black/African American	35.6%	N/A*	42.5%*	41.6%	Almost
10: American Indian/Alaska Native	36.7%	N/A*	43.2%*	42.4%	Almost

*Target is overall plan rate; 33.3% gap closure target is based on Nov 1 Medi-Cal rate of 56.3%

Preliminary data

Percent of Measures 4-10 fully achieved as of Nov. 1, 2021

Vaccine Incentive Program Measure	Measures fully achieved (n)	Total measures (n)	Measures fully achieved (%)
4: 12+ years	1	25	4%
5: 12-25 years	9	24	38%
6: 26-49 years	0	25	0%
7: 50-64 years	0	25	0%
8: 65+ years	3	25	12%
9/10: Black/African American	6	25	24%
9/10: American Indian/Alaska Native	8	23	35%
9/10: White	1	1	100%
All measures	28	173	16%

Preliminary data

Percent of Measures 4-10 fully achieved as of Nov. 1, 2021 by Managed Care Plan

Managed Care Plan	Percent of measures fully achieved	Managed Care Parent Plan	Percent of measures fully achieved
Aetna Better Health of CA	14.3%	Health Net of CA	28.6%
AIDS Healthcare Foundation	60.0%	Health Plan of San Joaquin	14.3%
Alameda Alliance for Health	14.3%	Health Plan of San Mateo	28.6%
Anthem Blue Cross	0.0%	Inland Empire Health Plan	28.6%
Blue Shield of CA Promise Health Plan	0.0%	Kaiser Permanente	0.0%
California Health and Wellness	0.0%	Kern Family Health Care	28.6%
CalOptima	0.0%	LA Care Health Plan	28.6%
CalViva Health	28.6%	Molina Healthcare	0.0%
CenCal Health	28.6%	Partnership Health Plan of CA	28.6%
Central CA Alliance for Health	28.6%	San Francisco Health Plan	0.0%
Community Health Group	14.3%	Santa Clara Family Health Plan	28.6%
Contra Costa Health Plan	0.0%	United Health Care	0.0%
Gold Coast Health Plan	14.3%	All plans	16.2%

Statewide Progress on Measures 4-10

Vaccine Incentive Program Measure	Medi-Cal ≥ 1 dose by Aug 29	California ≥ 1 dose by Jan 2	66.6% gap closure target	Medi-Cal ≥ 1 dose by Jan 2	Met Goal?
4: 12+ years	51.1%	83.2%	72.5%	59.0%	No
5: 12-25 years	43.9%	70.7%	61.7%	54.3%	No
6: 26-49 years	46.9%	86.1%	73.1%	54.9%	No
7: 50-64 years	60.4%	88.3%	79.0%	66.1%	No
8: 65+ years	69.0%	86.7%	80.8%	73.4%	No
9: Black/African American	35.6%	N/A*	51.2%*	45.3%	No
10: American Indian/Alaska Native	36.7%	N/A*	51.6%*	45.3%	No

*Target is overall plan rate; 66.6% gap closure target is based on Jan 2 Medi-Cal rate of 59.0%

Preliminary data

Conclusions

- » Statewide, by November 1, we closed almost one-third of the gap
 - » between the Medi-Cal population and the statewide population for 12-25 year olds
 - » between the African-American Medi-Cal and overall Medi-Cal population
 - » between the Native American Medi-Cal and overall Medi-Cal population
- » Statewide, we also exceeded our goal of improving by over 10% the percent of providers providing COVID-19 vaccine in their office
- » Almost all plans fully achieved on less than one-third of their metrics
- » Considerable progress made even without “full achievement”
- » Jan 2 data for Measures 4-10: Continued progress, but not achieved two-thirds of gap closure statewide

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CaAIM Webinars

- » DHCS hosts regular CaAIM webinars on topics such as:
 - » Enhanced Care Management
 - » Population Health Management
 - » Path Funding
- » Slide presentations and meeting materials from prior webinars are posted online to the [CaAIM News & Updates](#) website
- » These webinars are announced in the DHCS Stakeholder Updates that are distributed to the Tribal and Indian health listservs and are open to all interested parties
- » DHCS encourages Tribal partners to participate in these webinars and to also provide feedback to DHCS on specific areas of interest or questions that can be addressed at future Tribal and Indian health program representatives meetings. This feedback can be sent to tribalaffairs@dhcs.ca.gov

Items for Next Meeting/Final Comments

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