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# Mandatory Signatories to the California Health and Human Services Data Exchange Framework APL 23-013

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers regarding the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS) Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Data Sharing Agreement (DSA).

This notification is based on an All-Plan Letter (APL) 23-013, which can be found in full on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website at: <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2023/APL23-013.pdf">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2023/APL23-013.pdf</a>.

# **BACKGROUND**

The DxF, developed by CalHHS, includes a single DSA for governing the exchange of health and social services information among health care entities and government agencies in California. The DxF creates a flexible, secure environment for health care organizations, including health care providers and payers, to share health information using national standards and a common set of policies to improve the health outcomes of the individuals they serve.

The DxF will identify gaps in, and propose solutions to gaps, in the life cycle of health information, including:

- Health information creation, including the use of national standards in clinical documentation, health plan records, and social services data
- Translation, mapping, controlled vocabularies, coding, and data classification
- Storage, maintenance, and management of health information
- Linking, sharing, exchanging, and providing access to health information

## When this is happening:

By **January 31, 2024**, signatories must exchange health and social services information or provide access to health information as specified in the DSA. Any sharing of health and social services information must comply with all applicable state and federal privacy laws.

Some health care service organizations have until **January 31, 2026**, to implement the DxF. These entities include:

- Physician practices of fewer than 25 physicians,
- Rehabilitation hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals, acute psychiatric hospitals, critical access hospitals, and rural general acute care hospitals with fewer than 100 acute care beds,
- State run acute psychiatric hospitals, and
- Nonprofit clinics with fewer than 10 health care providers.

### What you need to know:

Entities required to sign the DxF DSA include general acute care hospitals, physician organizations (e.g., Independent Practice Associations that exchange health information), medical groups, skilled nursing facilities, clinical laboratories, and acute psychiatric hospitals. Please review Health and Safety Code section 130290(f) for specific definitions:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes displayText.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&division=109.7.&title=&part=&chapter=&article=.

### What you need to do:

Mandatory signatories can access the DxF signing portal on the CalHHS Center for Data Insights and Innovation website at: <a href="https://www.cdii.ca.gov/committees-and-advisory-groups/data-exchange-framework/">https://www.cdii.ca.gov/committees-and-advisory-groups/data-exchange-framework/</a>.

After signing the DSA, signatories will be required to exchange health and social services information or provide access to health information to and from every other signatory in real time as specified in the DSA. Additional information can be found on the DxF Frequently Asked Questions page: <a href="https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Data-Exchange-Framework-FAQ-2023-2-21-005.pdf">https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Data-Exchange-Framework-FAQ-2023-2-21-005.pdf</a>.

Network Providers must comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, contract requirements, and other DHCS guidance, including APLs and Policy Letters.

### What if you need assistance?

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