

Quarterly Progress Report

ACE Screening and Provider Training Data

April 2022

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Office of the California Surgeon General are leading ACEs Aware, – a first-in-the-nation, statewide effort to train clinical teams to screen for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and to treat the impacts of toxic stress with trauma-informed care and evidence-based interventions. This effort aims to improve the health and well-being of Californians across the state – now and for generations to come.

ACEs Aware offers Medi-Cal providers training, clinical protocols, and payment for screening children and adults for ACEs.

New data are available on the number of ACE screenings conducted in California between January 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021, and the number of providers who completed the “Becoming ACEs Aware in California” online training between December 4, 2019, and February 28, 2022.



Medi-Cal Claims for ACE Screenings

Medi-Cal providers conducted

781,400 screenings

Of the **651,200**

unique Medi-Cal beneficiaries

screened for ACEs, **6%**

had ACE scores of **4 or more****



Data from: January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021

Who is screening for ACEs?

Medi-Cal providers – primarily pediatric, family medicine, and behavioral health professionals – conducted about 781,400 ACE screenings of nearly 651,200 unique Medi-Cal beneficiaries between January 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021. Eighty-four percent of all screenings conducted were of beneficiaries under age 21, and 16 percent were of adults ages 21-64. Six percent of beneficiaries screened had an ACE score of four or greater, indicating a high risk for toxic stress.



Training and Certification

22,300

Individuals completed the training

96% of participants indicated that based on the training, they plan to implement changes in their practice or that the training reinforced their current practice.

11,500

Medi-Cal providers are ACEs Aware-certified*

Before the training

33% of participants were **not** screening any patients for ACEs.



After the training

78% of participants who were not previously screening patients for ACEs indicated that they **planned to implement routine ACE screening** for children or adults.



Data from: December 4, 2019, to February 28, 2022

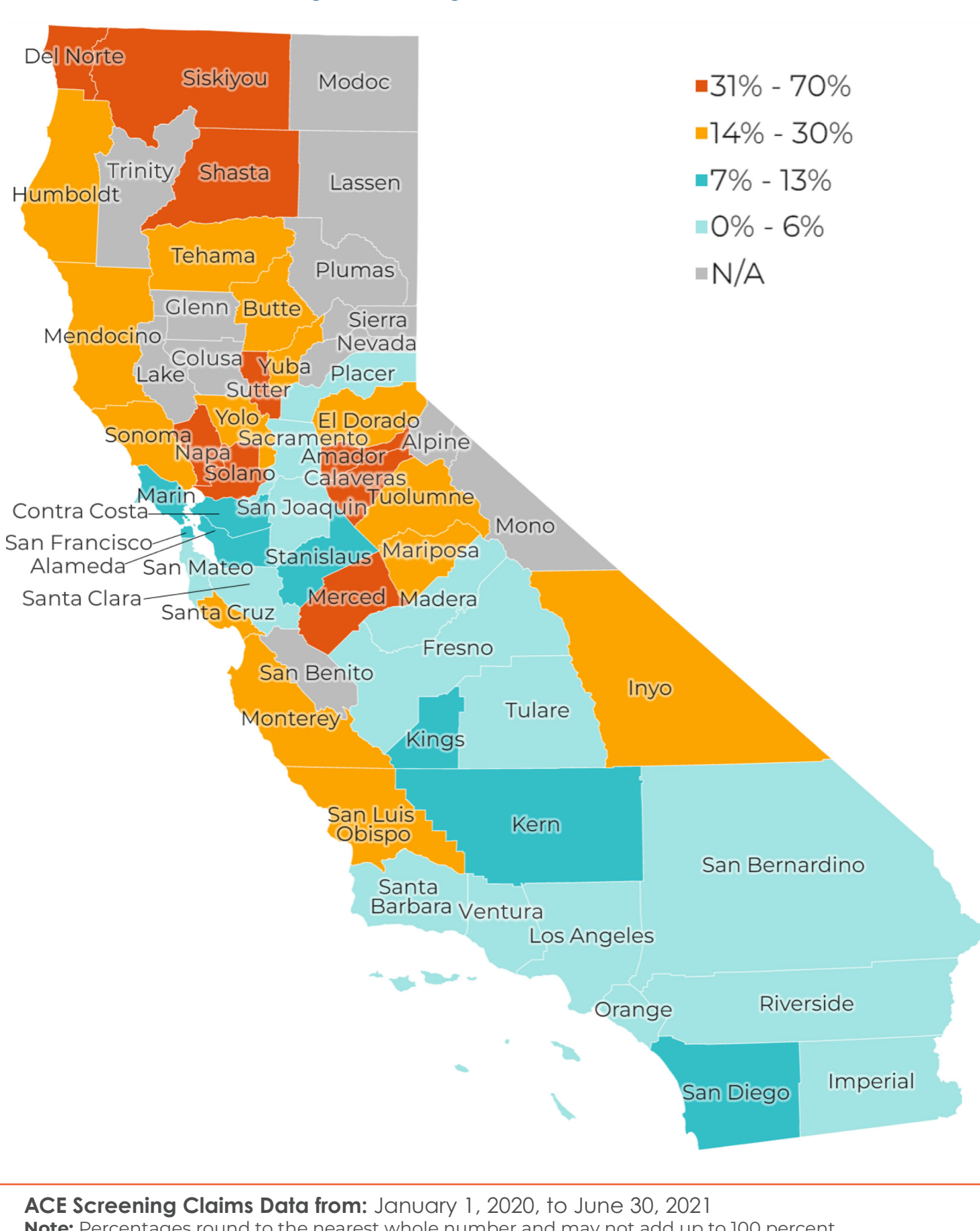
How many people have completed the ACEs Aware training?

Since the launch of the ACEs Aware initiative in December 2019, more than 22,300 individuals have taken the training and are ACEs Aware-certified, including about 11,500 Medi-Cal providers in California who are eligible to receive Medi-Cal payment for conducting ACE screenings.

Is ACEs Aware making a difference?

After completing the training, participants were asked to report any practice changes they planned to make based on the training. Two-thirds of participants reported they planned to implement changes in their practice based on the information presented. More than half of individuals who completed the training reported that they planned to conduct routine ACE screenings for children (55 percent) and adults (52 percent). Forty percent of individuals plan to change their treatment or management approach based on the patient's ACE score and toxic stress risk assessment, while 40 percent plan to apply a clinical algorithm on ACEs and toxic stress to guide patient care.

Percentage of High-Risk ACE Scores by County in California



ACE Screening Claims Data from: January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021
Note: Percentages round to the nearest whole number and may not add up to 100 percent.
 Data Extraction Date: February 7, 2022 from the DHCS Management Information System/Decision Support System (MIS/DSS) data warehouse
 *“N/A” percentage of high-risk ACE scores means data has been suppressed in instances where values were at least one but less than 11, or whereby related data with values less than 11 not presented here could be deduced from the information in this map.
 *Medi-Cal providers must attest to completing a certified ACEs Aware core training to qualify for Medi-Cal payment.
 **ACE score refers to the total reported exposure to the 10 ACE categories. An ACE score of 4 or greater indicates that a patient may be at high risk for toxic stress.

ACE Screenings by Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) Network

Children and Young Adults (ages 0 to 20): MCP providers screened 499,430 unique Medi-Cal beneficiaries ages 20 and under who were enrolled in a single MCP between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021 (and were not a dual eligible with Medi-Cal and Medicare coverage). This represents 11 percent of the total population that was eligible to receive a screening (i.e., non-dual, continuously enrolled). Fee-for-service (FFS) providers screened 21 percent of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who were not enrolled in any plan during the measurement period. (Exhibit 1).

Exhibit 1: ACE Screenings for Beneficiaries Ages 0 to 20 by Medi-Cal MCP (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

Managed Care Plan	Number of Beneficiaries Screened	Medi-Cal Enrollment	Percentage of Medi-Cal Population Screened
Aetna Better Health of California	810	7,910	10%
Alameda Alliance for Health	11,630	97,200	12%
Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan	36,640	328,650	11%
Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan	3,520	22,930	15%
California Health & Wellness Plan	2,000	86,850	2%
CalOptima	86,870	312,450	28%
CalViva Health	19,260	181,340	11%
CenCal Health	13,260	87,930	15%
Central California Alliance for Health	340	172,200	<1%
Community Health Group Partnership Plan	12,420	115,430	11%
Contra Costa Health Plan	480	74,750	1%
Gold Coast Health Plan	8,420	93,230	9%
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	69,780	567,580	12%
Health Plan of San Joaquin	5,330	171,160	3%
Health Plan of San Mateo	3,390	47,600	7%
Inland Empire Health	101,510	602,700	17%
Kaiser Permanente	50	71,820	<1%
Kern Health Systems	13,360	139,700	10%
L.A. Care Health Plan	76,030	822,850	9%
Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc.	20,310	175,490	12%
Partnership HealthPlan of California	8,370	219,840	4%
San Francisco Health Plan	200	40,880	<1%
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	4,960	102,260	5%
United Healthcare Community Plan	510	4,580	11%
Total – MCP	499,430	4,547,320	11%
Total – FFS	46,060	219,810	21%

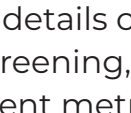
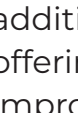
Adults (Ages 21 to 64): MCP providers screened 99,470 unique Medi-Cal beneficiaries ages 21 through 64 who were enrolled in a single plan in any continuous 12-month period between January 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021 (and were not a dual eligible with Medi-Cal and Medicare coverage). This represents approximately 2 percent of the total population that was eligible to receive a screening (i.e., non-dual, continuously enrolled). FFS providers screened less than 1 percent of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who were not enrolled in any plan during the measurement period (Exhibit 2).

Exhibit 2: ACE Screenings for Beneficiaries Ages 21 to 64 by Medi-Cal MCP (January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

Managed Care Plan	Number of Beneficiaries Screened	Medi-Cal Enrollment	Percentage of Medi-Cal Population Screened
Aetna Better Health of California	760	18,150	4%
Alameda Alliance for Health	190	129,520	<1%
AltaMed	0	460	0%
Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan	3,290	385,760	1%
Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan	4,270	52,800	8%
California Health & Wellness Plan	410	103,300	<1%
CalOptima	11,140	342,940	3%
CalViva Health	2,220	165,190	1%
CenCal Health	380	75,990	1%
Central California Alliance for Health	790	141,260	1%
Community Health Group Partnership Plan	8,080	124,990	6%
Contra Costa Health Plan	--	93,620	--
Gold Coast Health Plan	1,750	85,180	2%
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	11,980	624,460	2%
Health Plan of San Joaquin	1,930	158,240	1%
Health Plan of San Mateo	40	46,970	<1%
Inland Empire Health	23,760	593,480	4%
Kaiser Permanente	--	68,990	--
Kern Health Systems	970	124,810	1%
L.A. Care Health Plan	15,580	1,003,230	2%
Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc.	8,380	206,440	4%
Partnership HealthPlan of California	2,680	256,990	1%
San Francisco Health Plan	20	75,290	<1%
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	40	109,230	<1%
United Healthcare Community Plan	800	12,330	6%
Total – MCP	99,470	5,001,340	2%
Total – FFS	6,120	1,073,340	1%

Note: “Number of Beneficiaries Screened” and “Medi-Cal Enrollment” is rounded to the nearest 10 and may not sum to the total.
 “Percentage of Medi-Cal Population Screened” rounded to the nearest whole percent.
 For Medi-Cal beneficiaries ages 20 and under, “Medi-Cal Enrollment” is the count of distinct non-dual individuals who were enrolled in a single plan from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. For Medi-Cal beneficiaries ages 21 through 64, “Medi-Cal Enrollment” is the count of distinct non-dual individuals who had been enrolled in a single plan for any 12 continuous months in the measurement period.
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 The screens in this report are collected by capturing claims utilizing the designated G9919 and G9920 codes for ACE screenings. Some plans report implementing ACE screening during the measurement period without the electronic coding and capture of the G9919 and G9920 codes. Any additional screenings that were not documented with these codes would not be counted in this report.
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ACEs Aware will continue to publish updates to screening and training data on a quarterly basis. The next quarterly fact sheet will be published in June 2022. In addition, the [ACEs Aware Screening, Training, and Certification Progress: March 2022 Update](#) includes additional details on the demographics of providers trained, characteristics of providers offering screening, profile of beneficiaries screened, and screening rates and quality improvement metrics for Medi-Cal MCPs.



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