

Quarterly Progress Report

ACE Screening and Clinician Training Data

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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 implement screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and treat toxic stress to improve the health and well-being of Californians.

ACEs Aware offers clinical teams training, clinical protocols, and payment for screening children, adolescents, and adults for ACEs.

This quarterly progress report provides the following data:

- Number of individuals who completed the [Becoming ACEs Aware in California](#) online training between December 4, 2019, and August 31, 2026.
- Number of ACE screenings conducted in California between January 1, 2020, and September 30, 2025, based on DHCS Medi-Cal claims data.



Medi-Cal Claims for ACE Screenings

Medi-Cal clinicians conducted more than **6,096,440** ACE screenings of **3,206,500** unique Medi-Cal members.

Of the **2,397,400** unique Medi-Cal members ages 0 to 20 screened for ACEs, **8%** had an ACE score of 4 or more.

Of the **809,100** unique Medi-Cal members ages 21 to 64 screened for ACEs, **22%** had an ACE score of 4 or more.*

Data from: January 1, 2020, through September 30, 2025

Medi-Cal clinicians – primarily pediatric, family medicine, and behavioral health professionals – conducted 6,096,440 ACE screenings of 3,206,500 unique Medi-Cal members between January 1, 2020, and September 30, 2025. Seventy-five percent of all screenings conducted were of members ages 0 to 20, 8% of whom had an ACE score of 4 or greater, indicating a high risk for toxic stress, and 25% of all screenings conducted were of members ages 21 to 64, 22% of whom had an ACE score of 4 or greater.

Number of people who completed the Becoming ACEs Aware in California training



Training and Certification

58,750

Individuals completed the training

26,580

Medi-Cal clinicians are ACEs Aware-certified**

Before the training

56% of participants were not screening any patients for ACEs.

After the training

62% of participants who were not previously screening patients for ACEs indicated they planned to implement routine ACE screening for children or adults.

63% of participants indicated they plan to implement changes in their practice based on the information presented in the training.

Data from: December 4, 2019, through August 31, 2026

Since the launch of the ACEs Aware initiative in December 2019, 58,750 individuals have completed the ACEs Aware core training, including approximately 26,580 Medi-Cal clinicians in California who are ACEs Aware-certified and eligible to receive Medi-Cal payment for conducting ACE screenings.

ACEs Aware is making a difference in clinical care.

After completing the training, participants were asked about practice changes they plan to make based on the training: 63% of participants reported they plan to implement changes in their practice based on the information presented in the training; 53% reported they plan to conduct routine ACE screenings for children; 48% reported they plan to conduct routine ACE screenings for adults; and 91% reported being somewhat or very confident they would be able to make their intended practice changes. Additionally, 35% plan to change their treatment or management approach based on the patient's ACE score and toxic stress risk assessment, and 35% plan to apply a clinical algorithm on ACEs and toxic stress to guide patient care.

ACE Screening Claims Data from January 1, 2020, through September 30, 2025

Notes:

Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number and may not add up to 100%.

Data Extraction Date: June 12, 2026, from the DHCS Management Information System/Decision Support System (MIS/DSS) data warehouse

*ACE score refers to the total disclosed exposure to the 10 ACE categories. An ACE score of 4 or greater indicates that patients may be at high risk for toxic stress. Patients with an ACE score of 0 to 3 may also be at risk for toxic stress.

**Medi-Cal clinicians must attest to completing a certified ACEs Aware core training to qualify for Medi-Cal payment. The methodology has been revised to count unique Medi-Cal clinicians and is not comparable to quarterly reports prior to October 2022.

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

Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults (ages 0 to 20): MCP clinicians screened 2,232,935 individuals, representing 33% of unique Medi-Cal members 20 years of age and younger who were enrolled with a single plan in any continuous 12-month period between January 1, 2020, and September 30, 2025 (and were not dually eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare). Fee-for-service (FFS) clinicians screened 10% of Medi-Cal members who were not enrolled in any plan during the measurement period (Exhibit 1).

Exhibit 1: ACE Screenings for Members Ages 0 to 20 by Medi-Cal MCP (January 1, 2020, through September 30, 2025)

MCP	Number of Members Screened	Medi-Cal Enrollment	Percentage of Medi-Cal Population Screened
Aetna Better Health of California	2,836	19,406	14.6%
Alameda Alliance for Health	56,356	159,763	35.3%
Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan	109,623	479,319	22.9%
Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan	21,949	61,991	35.4%
CalOptima	224,904	390,944	57.5%
CalViva Health	55,375	224,713	24.6%
California Health & Wellness Plan	9,173	108,865	8.4%
CenCal Health	37,632	113,962	33.0%
Central California Alliance for Health	76,871	223,179	34.4%
Community Health Group Partnership Plan	60,213	170,149	35.4%
Community Health Plan	7,164	36,488	19.6%
Contra Costa Health Plan	10,584	123,691	8.6%
Gold Coast Health Plan	32,019	115,903	27.6%
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	239,633	760,719	31.5%
Health Plan of San Joaquin	38,433	229,051	16.8%
Health Plan of San Mateo	14,456	66,363	21.8%
Inland Empire Health Plan	419,515	804,072	52.2%
Kaiser Permanente Cal, LLC	221,733	461,474	48.0%
Kern Health Systems	51,864	215,347	24.1%
L.A. Care Health Plan	358,140	1,060,929	33.8%
Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan	83,179	277,548	30.0%
Mountain Valley Health Plan	23	1,676	1.4%
Partnership HealthPlan of California	56,348	401,796	14.0%
San Francisco Health Plan	12,114	55,081	22.0%
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	31,689	137,381	23.1%
Universal Care	1,109	8,640	12.8%
Total – MCP	2,232,935	6,708,450	33.3%
Total – FFS	51,512	421,390	12.2%

Adults (Ages 21 to 64): MCP clinicians screened 745,742 individuals, representing 7% of unique Medi-Cal members ages 21 through 64 who were enrolled with a single plan in any continuous 12-month period between January 1, 2020, and September 30, 2025 (and were not dually eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare). FFS clinicians screened nearly 1% of Medi-Cal members who were not enrolled in any plan during the measurement period (Exhibit 2).

Exhibit 2: ACE Screenings for Members Ages 21 to 64 by Medi-Cal MCP (January 1, 2020, through September 30, 2025)

MCP	Number of Members Screened	Medi-Cal Enrollment	Percentage of Medi-Cal Population Screened
Aetna Better Health of California	2,004	37,268	5.4%
Alameda Alliance for Health	1,343	303,382	0.4%
AltaMed	--	1,065	--
Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan	30,930	734,923	4.2%
Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan	16,265	138,392	11.8%
CalOptima	50,930	679,919	7.5%
CalViva Health	21,994	276,216	8.0%
California Health & Wellness Plan	1,043	143,863	0.7%
CenCal Health	6,188	157,402	3.9%
Central California Alliance for Health	28,382	289,623	9.8%
Community Health Group Partnership Plan	24,504	267,776	9.2%
Community Health Plan	132	40,863	0.3%
Contra Costa Health Plan	585	202,441	0.3%
Gold Coast Health Plan	12,434	167,878	7.4%
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	75,541	1,247,373	6.1%
Health Plan of San Joaquin	7,593	280,488	2.7%
Health Plan of San Mateo	1,800	115,792	1.6%
Inland Empire Health Plan	250,746	1,076,427	23.3%
Kaiser Permanente Cal, LLC	3,626	516,211	0.7%
Kern Health Systems	14,170	256,923	5.5%
L.A. Care Health Plan	120,642	1,938,108	6.2%
Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc.	37,960	429,801	8.8%
Mountain Valley Health Plan	--	4,702	--
Partnership HealthPlan of California	13,230	609,691	2.2%
San Francisco Health Plan	607	143,602	0.4%
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	1,835	231,941	0.8%
Universal Care	1,233	18,493	6.7%
Total – MCP	725,742	10,314,926	7.0%
Total – FFS	12,689	1,744,212	0.7%

Notes:

“Number of Members Screened” and “Medi-Cal Enrollment” are rounded to the nearest 10 and may not sum to the total.

“Percentage of Medi-Cal Population Screened” is rounded to the nearest whole percent.

“Number of Members Screened” is the count of distinct non-dual individuals who were enrolled in a single plan in any continuous 12-month period and received an ACE screening during the measurement period.

“Medi-Cal Enrollment” is the count of distinct non-dual individuals who were enrolled in a single plan for any 12 continuous months during the measurement period.

Cells with “--” have 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 table.

The screens in this report are collected by capturing claims utilizing the designated G9919 and G9920 codes for ACE screenings. 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 quarterly screening and training data updates. In addition, the [ACEs Aware Screening, Training, and Certification Progress: July 2026 Update](#) includes additional details on demographics of clinical team members trained, characteristics of clinicians providing screening, profile of members screened, and screening rates and quality improvement metrics for Medi-Cal MCPs.