

DMHC Accepting Public Comments on California's Essential Health Benefits and Updating the Benchmark Plan

California intends to apply to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to update the state's current Affordable Care Act benchmark plan. If approved by CMS, the new benchmark plan will take effect January 1, 2027.

Prior to submitting the application to CMS, the state must provide public notice and an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft new benchmark plan. Today, the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) opened the public comment period and posted the following documents to its public website:

- [Draft Benchmark Plan Summary](#)
- [Appendix A—EHB State Confirmations](#)
- [Appendix B—EHB Benchmark Plan Actuarial Certification](#)
- [Appendix C—State's EHB-Benchmark Plan Benefits and Limits Summary](#)
- [Wakely's Benchmark Plan Benefit Valuation Report](#)

You may submit comments regarding the draft benchmark plan and the accompanying documents to publiccomments@dmhc.ca.gov by Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5 p.m. (Pacific Time).

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About DMHC:

The DMHC protects the health care rights of 29.8 million Californians and ensures a stable health care delivery system. The Department has helped 2.9 million Californians resolve health plan problems through the Help Center. Information and assistance is available at www.DMHC.ca.gov or by calling 1-888-466-2219.