

2024 Risk Adjustment Transfers

November 12, 2025

John O'Dell

Vice President & Principal, Lewis & Ellis

 **CaliforniaDMHC**

 **@CADMHC**

 **CaliforniaDMHC**

DMHC.ca.gov

DEPARTMENT OF
**Managed
Health Care** 

Risk Adjustment Transfers

- \$1.54 billion was transferred between the California health plans/insurers.
- Blue Shield received \$1.5 billion.
- Kaiser was the largest payer - \$663 million.
- Overall, almost \$20 million was transferred from the DMHC plans to the CDI insurers.

High-Cost Risk Pool Payment

- The DMHC regulated health plans received \$290 million.
- The CDI regulated health insurers received over \$2 million.

Impact on Premium Rates and Medical Loss Ratio

- Risk adjustment transfers represented an average of 10.9 percent of premium for California.
- Direct impact on Medical Expenses for Medical Loss Ratio Calculation.
 - Addition to Medical Expenses for payors
 - Decrease in Medical Expenses for receivers

Questions