

California's Efforts to Measure Trends and Outcomes in Involuntary Treatment

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Lanterman Petris Short (LPS) Act Updates, Data and Reporting

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Legislative Updates

SB 929 is approved
September 2022,
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2023

SB 43 is approved
October 2023,
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2024

AB 118 is approved
July 2023, Effective
July 10, 2023

SB 1238 was approved
in September 2024,
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SB 929

- » SB 929 is a revision of the Lanterman-Petris Short (LPS) Act, with the goal of improving data collection and service transparency.
- » Expands DHCS' data reporting requirements from counties, LPS-designated facilities, and any other entity responsible for implementing Welfare and Institution Code (WIC) Section 5150 which includes involuntary detention, assessment, evaluation, crisis intervention, and/or treatment.
- » Requires each designated and approved facility and any other entity involved in implementing WIC section 5150 to report specified data to the county in which it operates.

AB 118

- » Increased the data reporting obligations of county behavioral health directors.
- » County behavioral health directors or their designee are responsible for submitting the data they receive to DHCS directly on a quarterly basis.
- » Granted DHCS the authority to assess a civil money penalty against a county that fails to submit data on a timely basis.

Data Elements Required by SB 929

LPS Designated Facilities and Other Entities involved in implementing W&I Code 5150 are required to collect and report the following data elements to DHCS on a quarterly basis.

DHCS is required to publish, on or before May 1 of each year, a report including quantitative, de-identified information including recommendations for improving mental health assessments, detentions, treatments and supportive services.

The number of individuals detained and/or admitted for each hold type and the conditions for which each hold was initiated.

Demographic
Variables

Clinical outcomes

Waiting periods

Services provided
or offered

Numbers of
county-
contracted beds

Data points
submitted by the
Judicial Council

SB 43 and SB 1238

- » **SB 43** amended conservatorship proceedings and the definition of “gravely disabled” in the LPS Act, expanding it to include grave disability due to a severe substance use disorder (SUD) or a co-occurring severe SUD and mental health disorder.
 - This has expanded data collection requirements for SB 929.
- » **SB 1238** expanded the range of facilities authorized under the LPS Act to admit individuals diagnosed solely with a severe SUD and broadened the types of facilities that counties may designate to provide involuntary evaluation and treatment under the LPS Act.
 - These changes align with and support implementation of SB 43.

SB 43 and SB 1238 Implementation

LPS Act Implementation

- SB 43 permitted a county, by adoption of a resolution of its governing body, to defer implementation until January 1, 2026

LPS Facility Designation Requirements

- On June 17, 2025, DHCS published draft interim regulations for LPS facility designation
- DHCS will finalize the interim regulations in January 2026

Medi-Cal Reimbursement Requirements

- DHCS will issue guidance in January 2026

Licensing Requirements for PHFs and MHRCs

- DHCS will issue guidance in January 2026

SB 929 Implementation Phases

DHCS has developed a phased implementation plan that includes input from county and behavioral health stakeholders across the state.

Phase 1 (BHIN 23-015)

- Demographics and population data

Phase 2 (BHIN 24-013)

- Sequence of holds, county contracted beds, Senate Bill 43 conditions

Phase 3 (BHIN 24-043)

- Services provided

Phase 4 (BHIN 25-030)

- Clinical outcomes, wait times, source of admission

Phase 5 (forthcoming)

- Analysis and evaluation of data

Phase V (future): What do we hope to learn with more complete and accurate data?

Analysis and evaluation of the efficacy of mental health assessments, detentions, treatments, and supportive services provided both under this part and subsequent to release.



Recommendations for improving mental health assessments, detentions, treatments, and supportive services provided under this part and subsequent to release.



An assessment of the disproportionate use of detentions and conservatorships on various groups, including an assessment of use by the race, ethnicity, gender identity, age group, veteran status, housing status, and Medi-Cal enrollment status of detained and conserved persons.



The assessment shall evaluate disproportionate use at the county, regional, and state levels.

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Data quality is still improving; missing data elements and incomplete submissions limit statewide comparisons.



32 of 58 counties submitted LPS data to DHCS for Calendar Year 2023 under SB 929 reporting requirements



Preliminary data shows higher rates of involuntary holds among:

Males

Adults aged 26–59

Individuals experiencing homelessness



DHCS developed a new data collection platform with improved capabilities, launched on July 1, 2025.

Reporting Gaps and Challenges

Gaps

- Incomplete submissions
- Limited data
- Inconsistent implementation across the state

Challenges

- Staffing shortages
- Cost/funding constraints
- System onboarding and training

Strategies for Improving Data Reporting

Data Validation

- DHCS conducts quality reviews of submitted data and validation efforts are actively progressing with the availability of 2024 data

Platform Functionality

- DHCS launched a new platform on July 1, 2025

Technical Assistance

- DHCS conducts ongoing outreach to counties to understand and address data collection and reporting challenges
- Provide “Office Hours” for counties

Corrective Action and Compliance

- DHCS may issue notices of non-compliance to counties that fail to comply with reporting requirements (W&I Code § 5402 (f)(1-3))

Questions and Discussion



Thank you!

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