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## 2026 SUD Care Honor Roll Program

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to all lines of business.

### **What you need to know:**

All California adult acute care hospitals are invited to voluntarily participate in the 2026 Healthcare Organizations Leading Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Care Honor Roll Program, which recognizes hospitals demonstrating leadership and a strong commitment to evidence-based SUD care.

### **Spotlight of Innovation happening today**

One community hospital recently revamped its Opioid and Pain Stewardship Committee to include multidisciplinary participation from Pharmacy, Addiction Medicine, Quality, Nursing, Hospital Medicine, Palliative Care, and Inpatient Pain Management. The organization also implemented a practice advisory to promote safe opioid prescribing, including co-prescribing naloxone for high-risk patients and reviewing prescription monitoring data prior to prescribing controlled substances. Addiction Medicine continues to provide education to residents and has expanded training to include primary care providers. In addition, a street medicine initiative distributes harm reduction kits—containing naloxone, fentanyl test strips, basic first aid supplies, and hygiene items—through mobile outreach and community-based teams.

Another hospital has expanded access to harm reduction supplies by offering free naloxone and fentanyl test strips through emergency, inpatient, and outpatient settings, including rural health clinics. Updated protocols now allow for larger quantities of these supplies to be distributed to community-based organizations and at outreach events. The hospital is also implementing culturally responsive strategies to engage Spanish-speaking communities, including overdose prevention education and expanded access to harm reduction resources. These efforts are supported by a broader community engagement initiative and informed by an ongoing community advisory group that helps guide local interventions.

A third hospital has implemented a fully integrated, system-wide approach to SUD care, connecting urgent care, primary care, specialty services, emergency, and inpatient settings to a centralized addiction medicine program. Navigators are available seven days a week, with overlapping coverage to ensure continuity. An on-site pharmacy is embedded within clinical workflows, enabling rapid access to medications—including long-acting injectable therapies—often within the same visit. Emergency departments can initiate treatment for opioid withdrawal, and key medications are readily available in inpatient settings. The program emphasizes low-barrier access across the continuum of care and includes dedicated behavioral health support, with regular access to psychotherapy and group therapy. Grant funding helps offset costs, ensuring services remain accessible regardless of ability to pay.

## Provider Action

The 2026 application window is open from **July 1 through July 31, 2026**. Hospitals interested in being considered for the 2026 Honor Roll must submit their completed Self-Assessment during this period.

Hospitals may download the [Healthcare Organizations Leading SUD Care - Hospital Self-Assessment](#) and find additional program details through [Cal Hospital Compare](#).

We encourage eligible hospitals to participate and showcase their ongoing efforts to improve care for individuals with substance use disorders.

### **What if you need assistance?**

If you have any questions regarding the notification, please contact your [Molina Provider Relations Representative](#).

