

# Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA): Implementation Update

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# Overview of the Department of Health Care Access & Information (HCAI)

# HCAI Mission



**HCAI expands equitable access to quality, affordable health care for all Californians through resilient facilities, actionable information, and the health workforce each community needs.**

# HCAI Program Areas

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**Facilities:** Monitor the construction, renovation, and seismic safety of California's hospitals and skilled nursing facilities.

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**Financing:** Provide loan insurance for nonprofit healthcare facilities to develop or expand services.

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**Workforce:** Promote a culturally competent and linguistically diverse health workforce.

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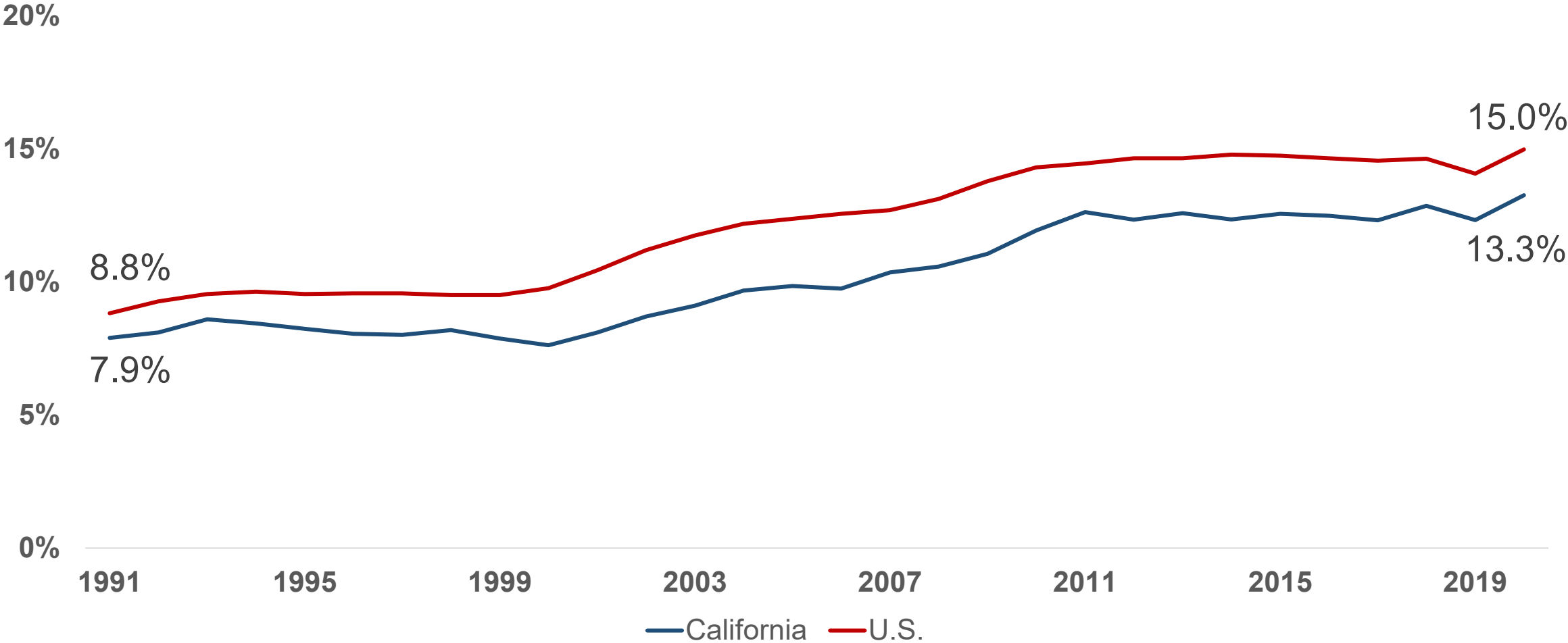
**Data:** Collect, manage, analyze and report information about California's healthcare landscape.

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**Affordability:** Improve health care affordability through data analysis, spending targets, and measures to advance value. Enforce hospital billing protections, and provide generic drugs at a low, transparent price.

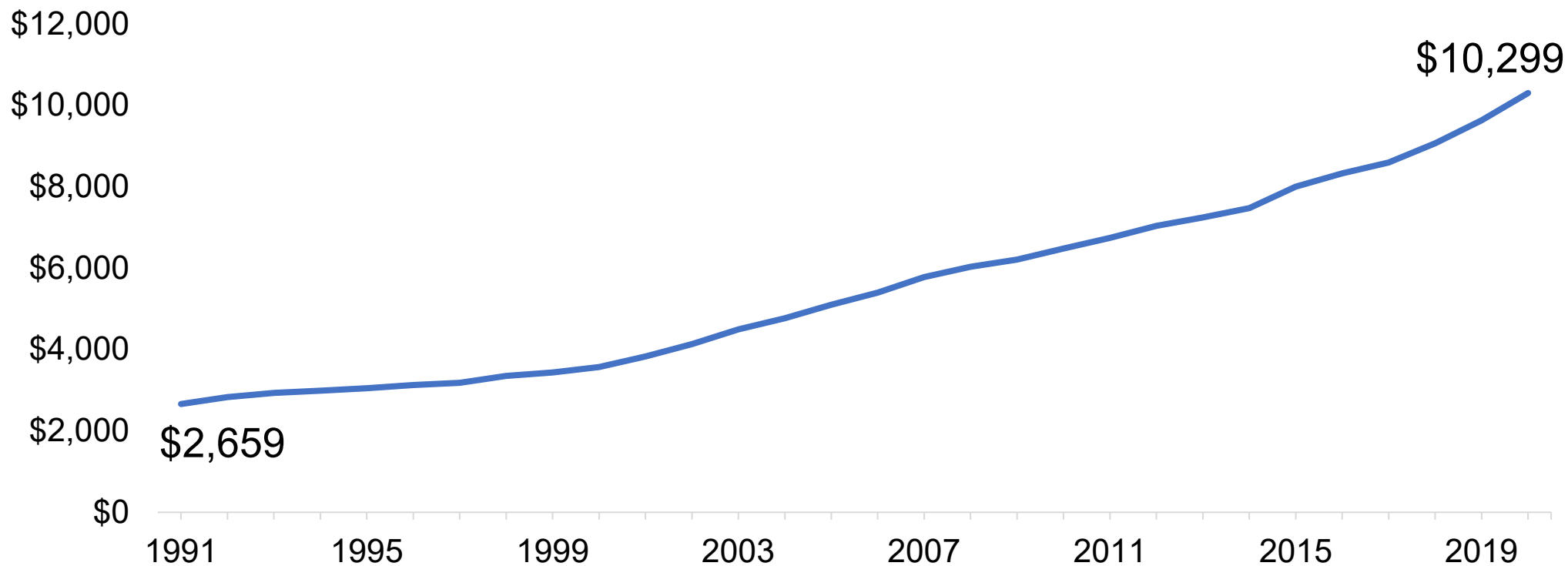
# Context for OHCA: National and State Health Care Spending Trends

# Per Capita Health Care Spending as a Percent of Median Income: CA & US 1991-2020



U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey; estimated per capita health spending from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Health Expenditures by State of Residence

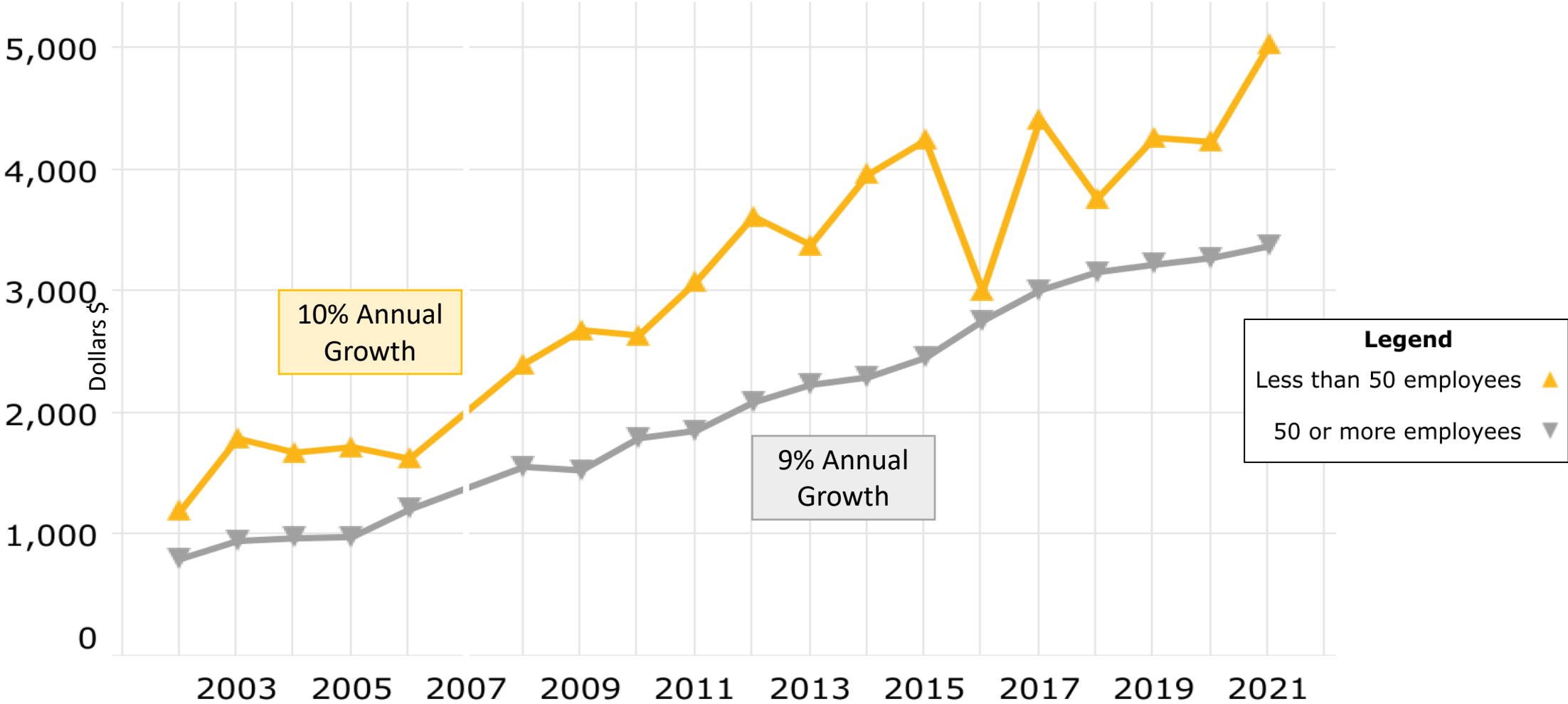
# Per Capita Health Spending in California 1991-2020



- California health care spending reached \$10,299 per capita in 2020.
- Average annual growth between 1991 and 2020 was 4.8%.



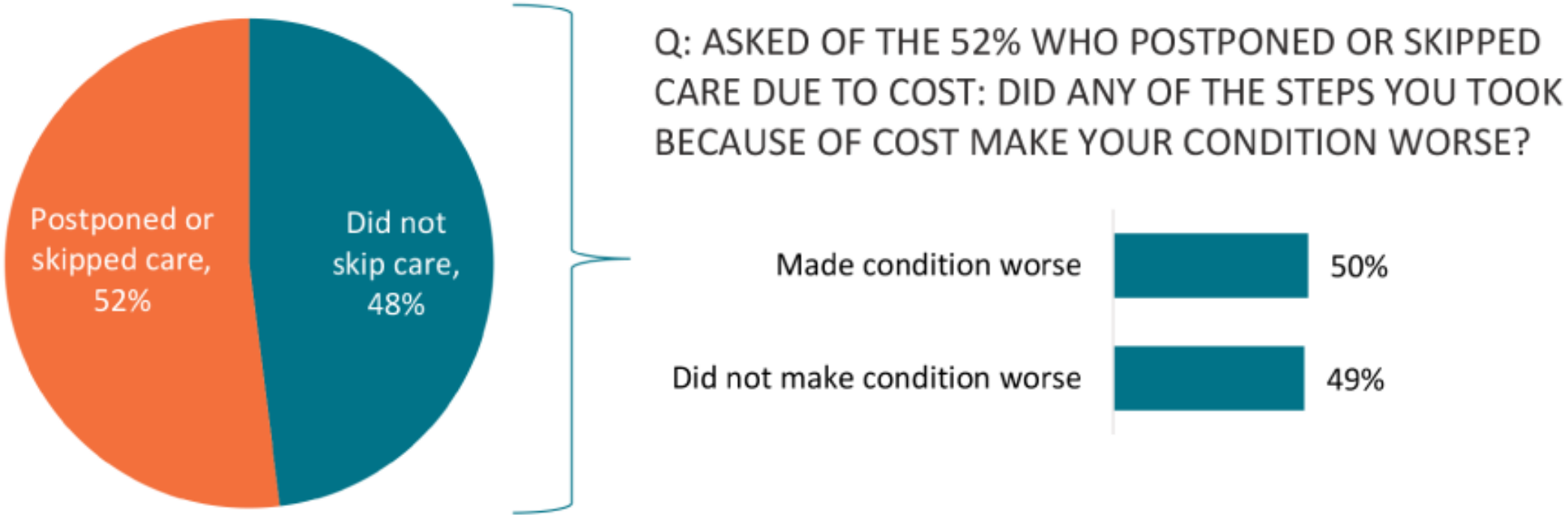
# Over the Past Two Decades Family Deductibles Quadrupled in California



Note: 2007 data were not collected for the Insurance Component of the MEPS  
Source: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Insurance Component (IC)

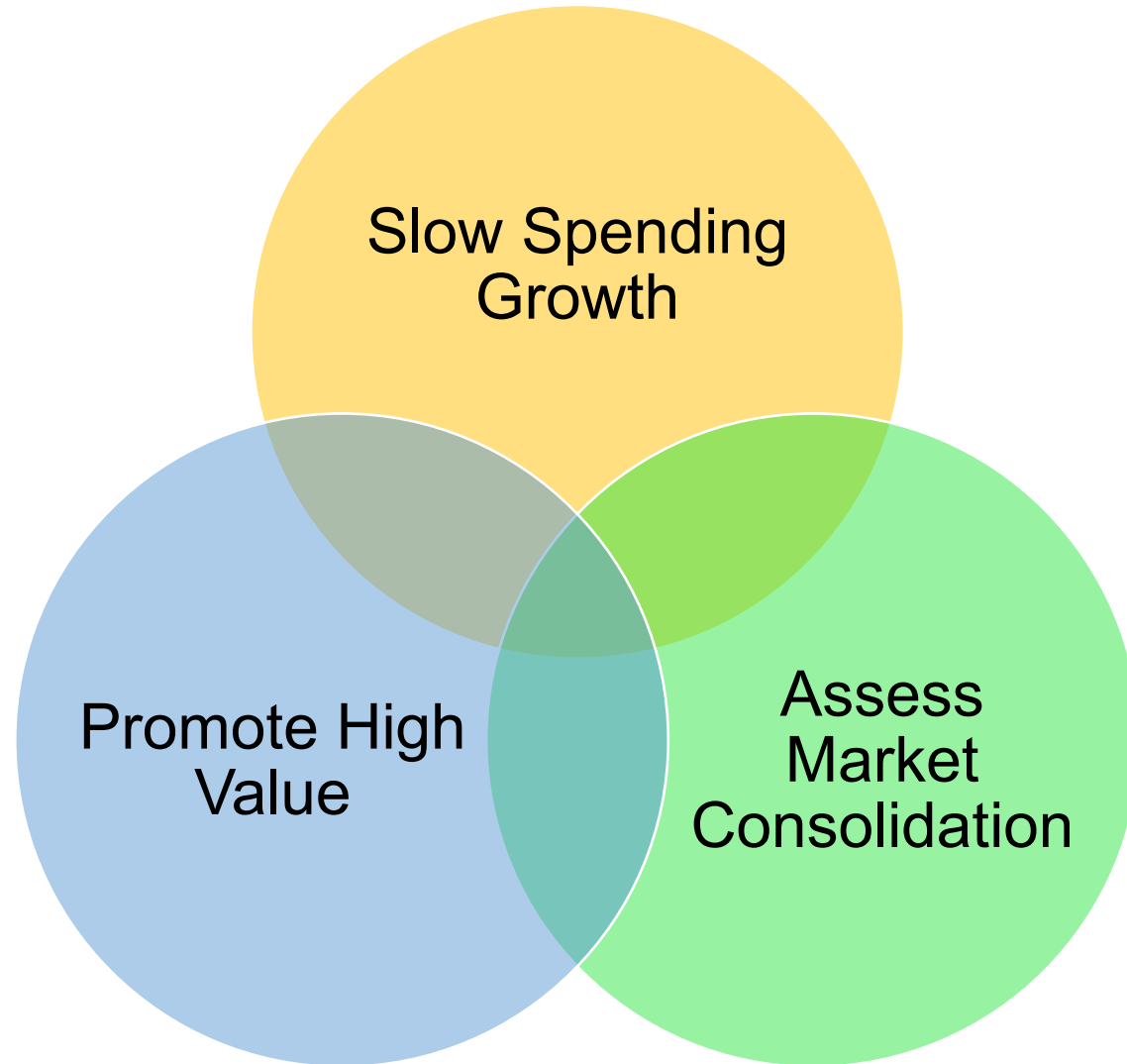
# Postponing or Skipping Care

Figure 15. Half of Californians Say They or a Family Member Skipped Health Care in the Past Year Due to Cost; Many Say This Made Their Health Condition Worse



# The Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA)

# OHCA Key Components



# Slow Health Care Spending Growth

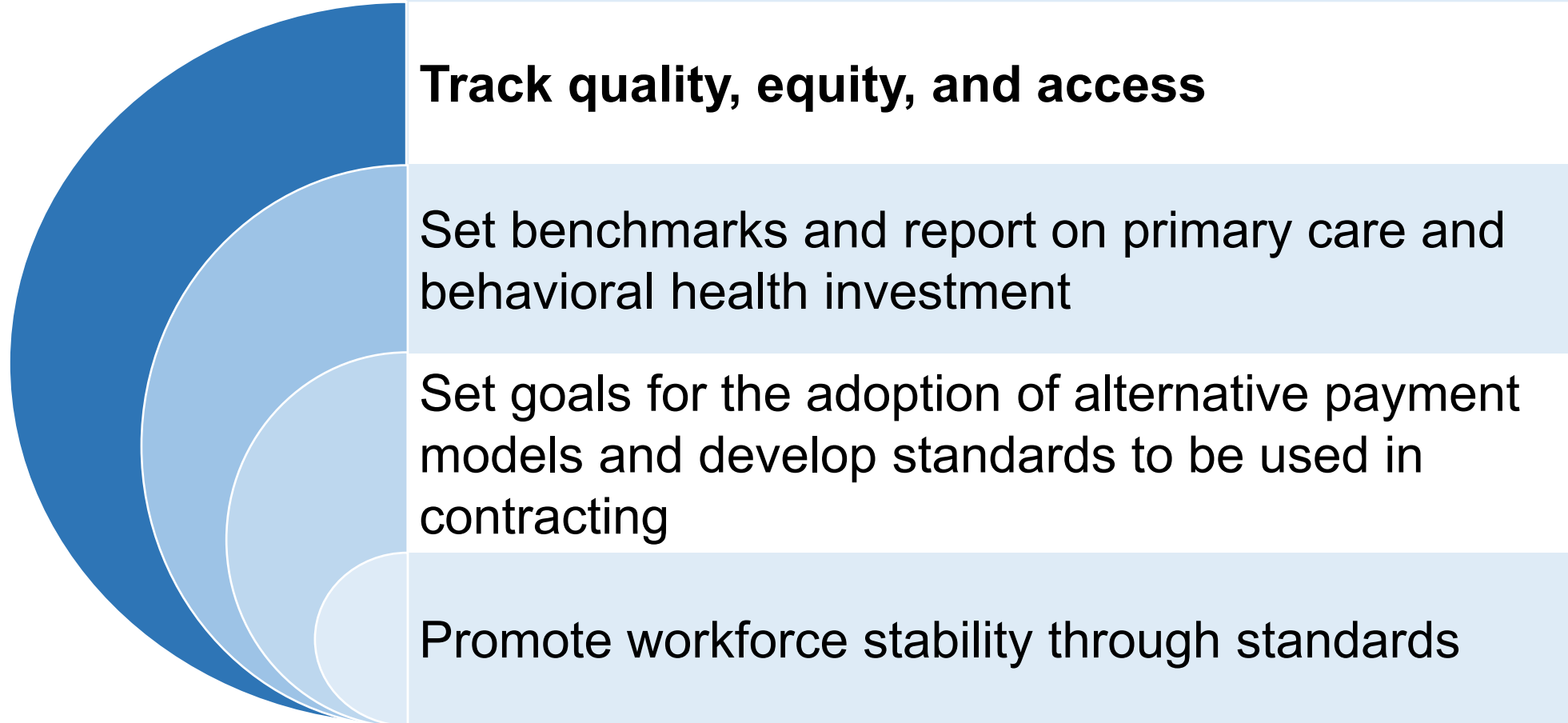


Collect, analyze, and report data on total health care expenditures (THCE)

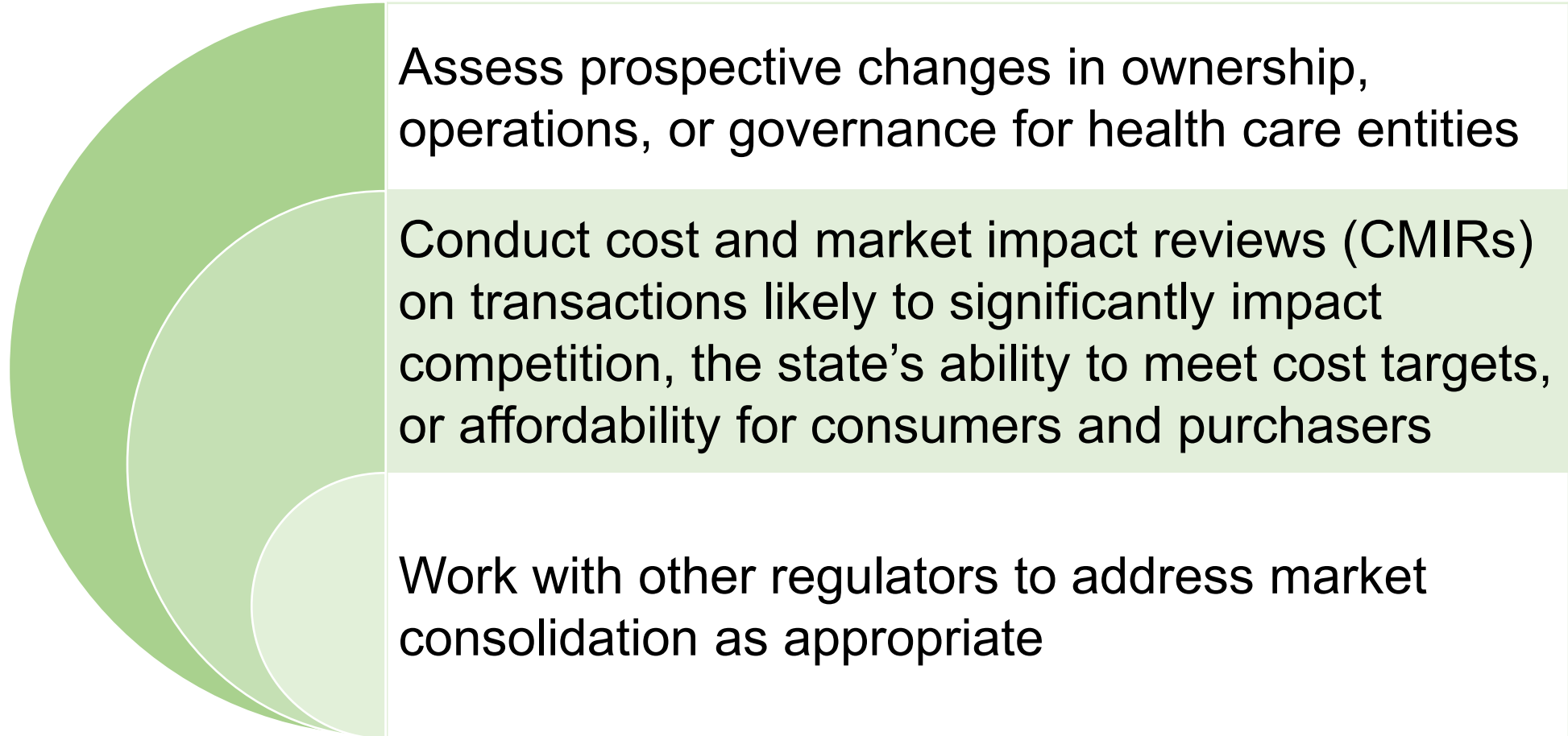
Develop spending growth target methodology and spending targets, initially statewide and eventually sector-specific (e.g., geography, types of entities)

Progressive enforcement of targets: technical assistance, public testimony, performance improvement plans, and escalating financial penalties

# Promote High Value System Performance



# Assess Market Consolidation



# Health Care Affordability Board, Advisory Committee, and Stakeholder Engagement



# Board and Advisory Committee Responsibilities

## Health Care Affordability Board

- Set spending targets, both statewide and sector-specific
- Approve key benchmarks, such as statewide goals for alternative payment model adoption
- Appoint a Health Care Affordability Advisory Committee to provide input on a range of topics

## Advisory Committee

- Provide recommendations and input to the Board on:
- Statewide health care spending target and specific targets by health care sector and geographic region
  - Methodology for setting spending targets and adjustment factors to modify targets when appropriate
  - Definitions of health care sectors
  - Benchmarks for primary care and behavioral health spending
  - Statewide goals for the adoption of alternative payment models and standards
  - Quality and equity metrics
  - Standards to advance the stability of the health care workforce
  - Other areas requested by the Board or Office

# Board Members

**David Carlisle** President and CEO of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

**Mark Ghaly** Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency

**Sandra Hernández** President and CEO of the California Health Care Foundation

**Richard Kronick** Professor in the Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health, University of California, San Diego

**Ian Lewis** Political and Research director of the National Union of Health Care Workers

**Elizabeth Mitchell** President and CEO of the Purchaser Business Group on Health

**Don Moulds** Chief Health Director of the California Public Employee Retirement System (non-voting member)

**Richard Pan** Pediatrician and former state Senator

# Advisory Committee Members

## Payers

- Aliza Arjyan**  
Senior Vice President of Provider Partnership and Network Management, Blue Shield of California
- Yolanda Richardson**,  
Chief Executive Officer, San Francisco Health Plan
- Andrew See**  
Senior Vice President, Chief Actuary, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan

## Hospitals

- Barry Arbuckle**  
President & Chief Executive Officer, MemorialCare Health System
- Tam Ma**  
Associate Vice President, Health Policy and Regulatory Affairs, University of California Health
- Yvonne Waggener**  
Chief Financial Officer, San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District

## Medical Groups

- Hector Flores**  
Medical Director, Family Care Specialists Medical Group
- Stacey Hrountas**  
Chief Executive Officer, Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Centers
- David S. Joyner**  
Chief Executive Officer, Hill Physicians Medical Group

## Physicians

- Adam Dougherty**  
Emergency Physician, Vituity
- Parker Duncan Diaz**  
Clinician Lead, Santa Rosa Community Health
- Sumana Reddy**  
President, Acacia Family Medical Group

## Consumer Representatives & Advocates

- Carolyn J Nava**  
Senior Systems Change, Disability Action Center
- Mike Odeh**  
Senior Director of Health, Children Now
- Kiran Savage-Sangwan**  
Executive Director, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN)
- Rene Williams**  
Vice President of Operations, United American Indian Involvement
- Anthony Wright**  
Executive Director, Health Access California

## Purchasers

- Ken Stuart**  
Chairman, California Health Care Coalition
- Suzanne Usaj**  
Senior Director, Total Rewards, The Wonderful Company LLC
- Abbie Yant**  
Executive Director, San Francisco Health Service System

## Health Care Workers

- Stephanie Cline**  
Respiratory Therapist, Kaiser
- Sarah Soroken**  
Mental Health Clinician, Solano County Mental Health
- Sara Gavin**  
Chief Behavioral and Community Health Officer, CommuniCare Health Centers

## Organized Labor

- Joan Allen**  
Government Relations Advocate, SEIU United Healthcare Workers West
- Carmen Comsti**  
Lead Regulatory Policy Specialist, California Nurses Association/National Nurses United
- Ivana Krajinovic**  
Vice President of Health Care Delivery, UNITE HERE HEALTH
- Janice O'Malley**,  
Legislative Advocate, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

# Slowing Spending Growth: Health Care Spending Target

# Spending Target - Defined



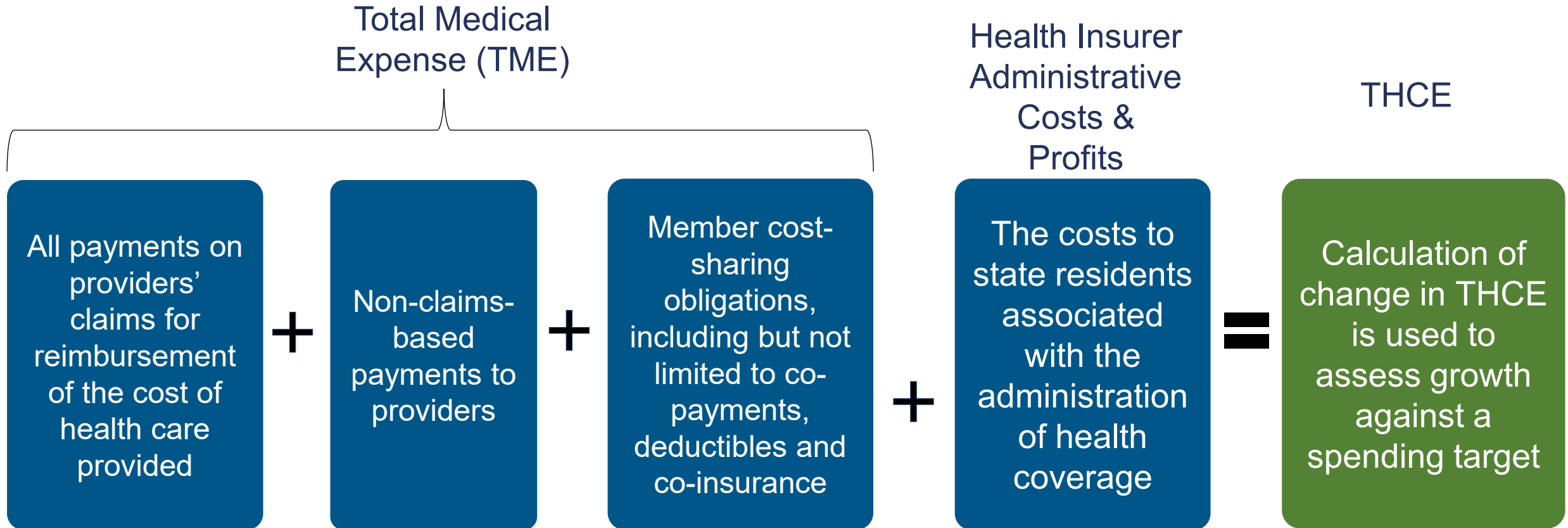
A health care spending target establishes a maximum limit on an acceptable rate of spending growth for health care entities. The goal is to slow the growth of health care spending and make health care more affordable.



The Health Care Affordability Board, with input from the Advisory Committee, will establish California's 2025 statewide health care spending target.\*

\*Spending performance will not be subject to enforcement until measurement year 2026.

# Total Health Care Expenditures (THCE)



**Note:** Pharmacy rebates are included in THCE and can be included under non-claims-based payments or health insurer administrative costs and profits.

# Health Care Entities Subject to the Spending Target

## Payers

- Health plans, health insurers, Medi-Cal managed care plans
- Publicly funded health care programs
- Third party administrators
- Other entities that pay or arrange for the purchase of health care services

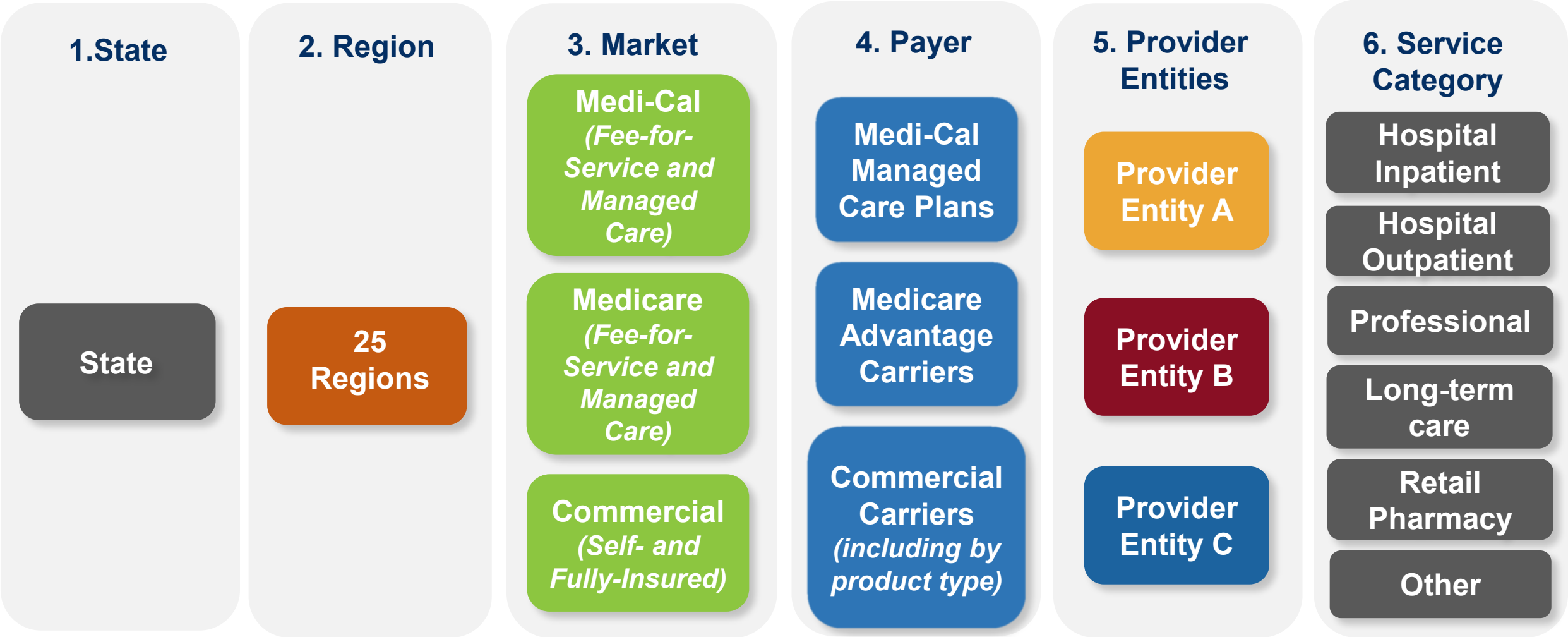
## Providers

- Physician organizations
- Health facility, including acute care hospital
- Outpatient hospital department
- Clinic, general or specialty
- Ambulatory surgery centers
- Clinical laboratory
- Imaging facility

## Fully Integrated Delivery Systems

- A system that includes a physician organization, health facility or health system, and a nonprofit health care service plan and meets specific additional criteria

# Levels of Reporting THCE

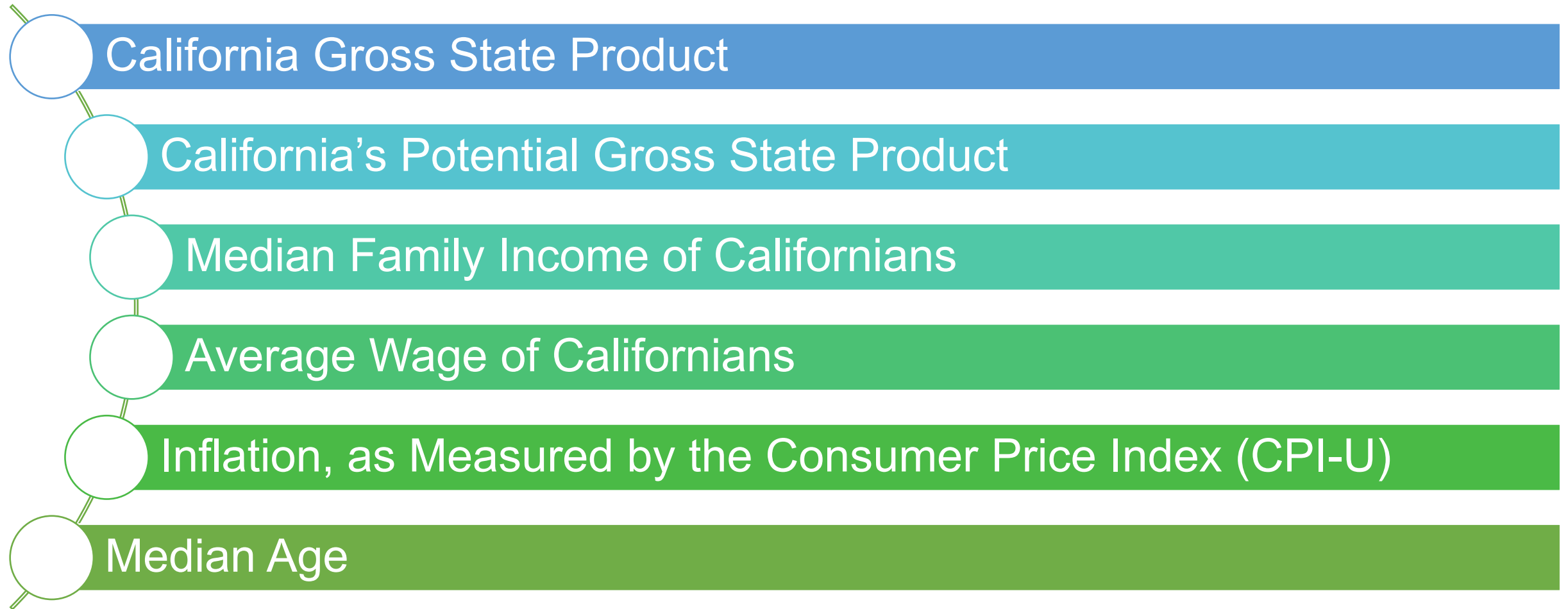




# Methodology for Developing California's Spending Target

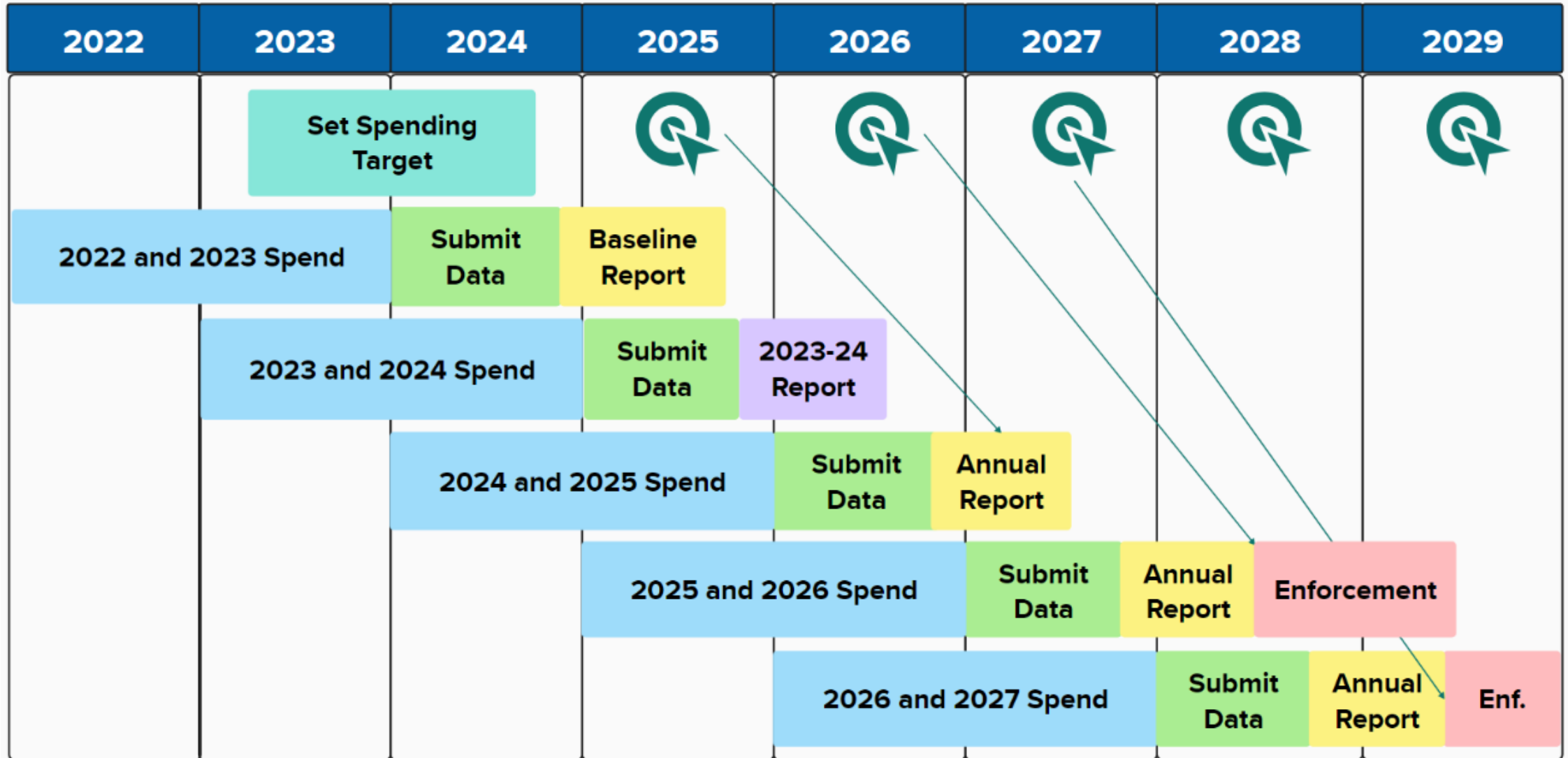
- Consider statutory requirements, including the Board and OHCA responsibilities.
- Review the methodologies of other states.
- Introduce economic and population indicators and consider tying the target value to one or more of them.
- Review other factors identified in the statute for possible spending target adjustments.

# Possible Economic and Population-Based Indicators



\* Each of these indicators would be calculated using annual growth rates.

# Spending Target Timeline



# High Value System Performance

# Focus areas for promoting high value system performance

## APM Adoption

- Define, measure, and report on alternative payment model adoption
- Set standards for APMs to be used during contracting
- Establish a benchmark for APM adoption

## Primary Care Investment

- Define, measure, and report on primary care spending
- Establish a benchmark for primary care spending

## Behavioral Health Investment

- Define, measure, and report on behavioral health spending
- Establish a benchmark for behavioral health spending

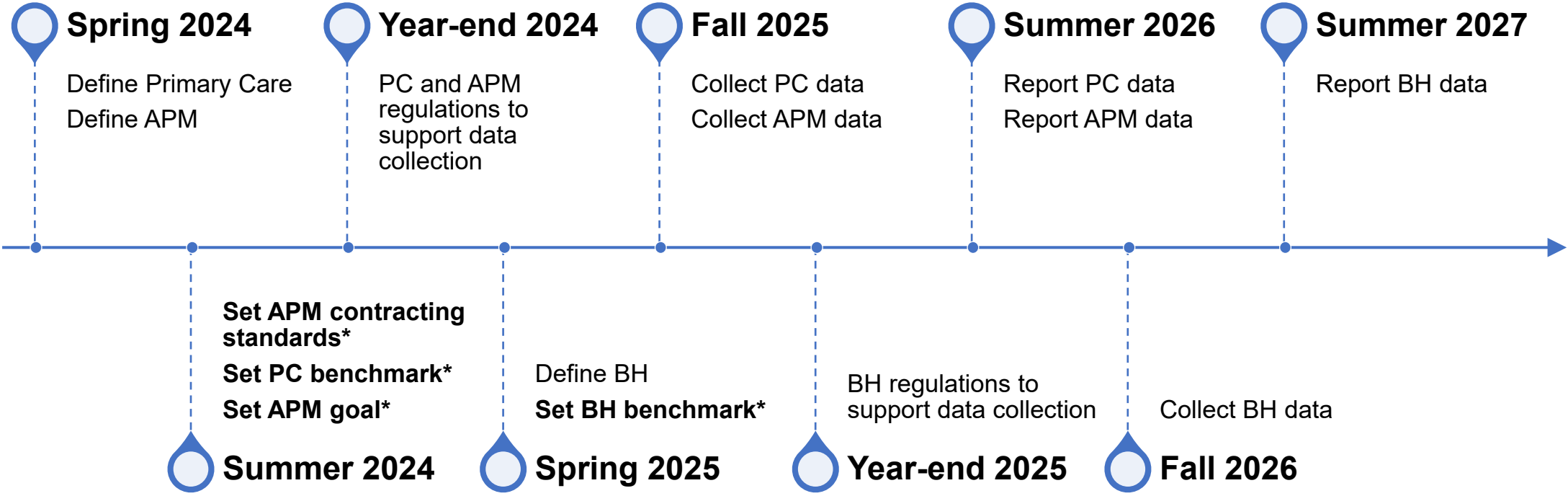
## Quality and Equity Measurement

- Develop, adopt, and report performance on a single set of quality and health equity measures

## Workforce Stability

- Develop and adopt standards to advance the stability of the health care workforce
- Monitor and report on workforce stability measures

# Preliminary Timeline for APM, Primary Care, and Behavioral Health Workstreams



\*Board approval required

All included in the first annual report, due June 2027

# Cost and Market Impact Review Program (CMIR)

# OHCA Enabling Statute: Office Responsibilities

Review and evaluate consolidation, market power, and other market failures through cost and market impact reviews of mergers, acquisitions, or corporate affiliations involving:

- health care service plans,
- health insurers,
- hospitals or hospital systems,
- physician organizations,
- pharmacy benefit managers, and
- other health care entities



# OHCA's Oversight Role in Assessing Health Care Consolidation

Support the Attorney General, the Department of Managed Health Care, and the Department of Insurance and examine impact, both negative and positive, on cost for consumers, access, and quality.

Seek input from the parties and the public and report on the anticipated impacts to the health care market.

Collect and report information to the public.

Refer transactions that may reduce market competition or increase costs to the Attorney General for further review.


# Current Gaps in California's Market Oversight

## Agreements or transactions involving:

- For-profit hospitals and health facilities
- Physician organizations
- Health plan or health insurer purchase or affiliation with another health care entity, such as a physician group
- Health plans or health insurers and management service organizations (MSOs)
- Private Equity
- Exclusive contracting

# OHCA Review of Material Change Notices

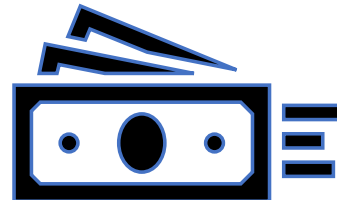
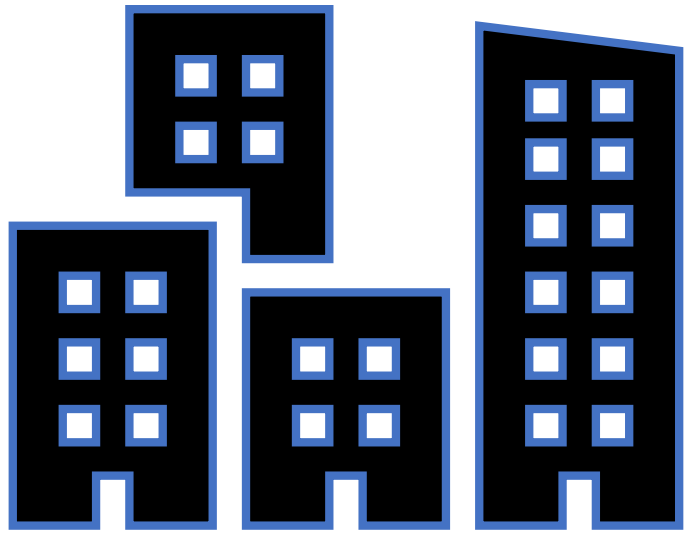
Material Change Notice (MCN) is submitted –  
90 days before the closing for the transaction



OHCA's preliminary review – within 45 days if no  
CMIR and 60 days if CMIR warranted



Possible Cost and Market Impact Review (CMIR)



# Who Must File Notices with OHCA:

- Payers
- Providers
- Fully Integrated Delivery Systems
- Pharmacy Benefit Managers
- Parents, affiliates, subsidiaries acting as an agent of a payer.

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