

Healthcare Organizations Leading SUD Care 2025 Honor Roll Methodology:

Recognizing California hospitals that provide care for substance use disorder

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Between April and June 2025, Cal Hospital Compare (CHC) invited ALL California adult, acute care hospitals to voluntarily submit their *Healthcare Organizations Leading SUD Care Self-Assessment* results to be considered for the 2025 Honor Roll. The *self-assessment* uses 8 questions to measure opioid management across the following four domains of care: 1) safe & effective opioid use, 2) identifying and managing patients with SUD, 3) harm reduction, and 4) applying cross-cutting SUD management best practices.

Hospitals could achieve up to 46 points across 8 questions, this includes 6 extra credit point opportunities. Five extra credit points were provided to hospitals for advanced SUD care practices. The additional extra credit point can be earned if hospitals “Hon-roll” or recommend another hospital to complete the self-assessment that has not previously participated in the Healthcare Organizations Leading SUD Care Honor Roll program. Using the 2025 self-assessment results, CHC’s Board of Directors determined a relevant threshold to identify honor roll hospitals using a combination of baseline data from the 2019 pilot year, as well as 2020-2024 honor rolls. In addition, hospitals must score at least one point in each domain to be eligible for the honor roll. The 2025 honor roll uses five approaches to identify honor roll hospital recipients and participants.

Superior Performance: The hospital scores at least 34 points out of 46 points ($\geq 75^{\text{th}}$ percentile) and scores at least one point in each of the 4 domains of care.

Sustained Improvement: The hospital achieves Superior Performance for a second consecutive year.

Excellent Progress: The hospital scores between 26 and 33 points out of 46 points ($\geq 50^{\text{th}}$ percentile and $\leq 74^{\text{th}}$ percentile) and scores at least one point in each of the 4 domains of care.

Most Improved: The hospital scores ≥ 5 points on their 2025 results compared to the previous year’s results.

Participant: The hospital scores between 0 and 25 points out of 46 points, and the hospital does not also fall into the Most Improved category.