

## Healthcare Organizations Leading SUD Care 2026 Honor Roll Methodology:

Recognizing California hospitals that provide care for substance use disorder

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Between July 1 – 31, 2026, Cal Hospital Compare (CHC) invites ALL California acute care hospitals to voluntarily submit their *Healthcare Organizations Leading SUD Care Self-Assessment* results to be considered for the 2026 Honor Roll. The *self-assessment* uses 8 questions to measure SUD care across the following four domains of care: 1) safe & effective opioid use, 2) identifying and managing patients with SUD, 3) harm reduction strategies, and 4) applying cross-cutting SUD management best practices.

Hospitals can achieve up to 47 points across 8 questions; this includes 7 extra credit point opportunities. Six 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 prior year’s results, CHC’s Board of Directors determined a relevant threshold to identify honor roll hospitals. Hospitals must score at least one point in each domain to be eligible for the honor roll. The 2026 honor roll uses five approaches to identify honor roll hospital recipients and participants.

Superior Performance: The hospital scores at least 36 points ( $\geq 90^{\text{th}}$  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 28 and 35 points ( $\geq 70^{\text{th}}$  percentile and  $< 90^{\text{th}}$  percentile) and scores at least one point in each of the 4 domains of care.

Most Improved: The hospital scores  $\geq 5$  points on their 2026 results compared to the previous year’s results.

Participant: The hospital scores between 0 and 27, and the hospital does not also fall into the Most Improved category.