

**Subject:** California Health Workforce Research Data News Center Update

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*This is a reminder from the Board of Pharmacy, DCA and the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI).*

## **Information from the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) for Board of Pharmacy Licensees**

The Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI), formerly known as the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, is partnering with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) and the California State Board of Pharmacy to collect important health workforce data. HCAI is the leader in collecting data and disseminating information about California's healthcare infrastructure. HCAI promotes an equitably distributed health workforce and publishes valuable information about healthcare outcomes.

With the passage of Assembly Bill 133 (Chapter 143, Statutes of 2021), HCAI is launching the California Health Workforce Research Data Center (Center). The Center will serve as the state's central repository for health workforce data, and will collect, analyze, and distribute information on educational and employment trends for healthcare occupations in the state. An annual report will be produced discussing:

- Supply and demand of the health workforce
- Geographical distribution of the health workforce
- Diversity of the health workforce, by specialty (including, but not limited to, data on race, ethnicity, and languages spoken)
- Current and forecasted demand for healthcare workers, by specialty
- Educational capacity to produce trained, certified, and licensed healthcare workers, by specialty and by geographical distribution

HCAI, in partnership with the Board of Pharmacy and DCA, **has developed a workforce survey for you to complete during your electronic licensure renewal process. We are asking for your help with this important data collection effort, by completing this survey at time of licensure renewal.** This data will help shape the future of health workforce policy in California. The workforce survey will be available beginning July 1, 2022. HCAI plans to present data and findings from the Center at future Board meetings, social media posts and other outlets.

We thank you for your time and consideration on this important effort. Please feel free to contact HCAI at [workforcedata@hcai.ca.gov](mailto:workforcedata@hcai.ca.gov). Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the HCAI licensure data collection are also posted on the Board's website under [License Renewal Online](#).

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