

# PROVIDER Bulletin



**KERN HEALTH  
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## **Important Notes About the Upcoming 2026 MCAS Audit**

Dear Provider,

This spring, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will be conducting their annual Managed Care Accountability Sets (MCAS) audit. Here's what you need to know:

1. Our internal Quality team will be retrieving medical records for the following realms of care:  
Lead Screening in Children, Developmental Screening in the First Three Years, chronic disease management of Hypertension and Diabetes, and timely Prenatal and Postpartum care.
2. If a primary contact for your office has not been established, determine who can fill this role for the audit season.
3. If possible, allow our audit team EMR access to avoid the need to print and/or fax records. Consider whether additional staffing is needed to support supplying physical records.
4. Please send a demographic sheet with every member's paper record containing their name, date of birth, and MediCal Client Identification Number (CIN). This will serve as a critical secondary identifier if there are discrepancies with names or DOBs and will help avoid duplicate requests to your team.

Provider offices will receive a formal request with more details and contact information over the next few weeks.

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If you have any additional questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative at 1-800-391-2000, silent prompt option #5.

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