

Date of Hearing: May 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

AB 1879 (Dixon) – As Amended April 23, 2026

Policy Committee: Health

Vote: 16 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: No

Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill requires licensed alcohol and other drug (AOD) recovery or treatment facilities (RTFs) and certified AOD programs to report to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) data on clients, outcomes, and treatment availability through two existing systems: the California Outcomes Measurement System Treatment (CalOMS Tx) and the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Access Report (DATAR).

Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Requires, beginning January 1, 2028, licensed AOD RTFs and certified AOD programs to submit to DHCS treatment and outcome information and treatment availability information consistent with the requirements of CalOMS TX and DATAR.
- 2) Requires data submitted to be in a form and manner and in accordance with timelines prescribed by DHCS.
- 3) States that this bill does not apply to an AOD RTF or AOD program that is contracted to provide Medi-Cal treatment services or contracted with DHCS, a county behavioral health department, or a county substance use disorder division for the provision of substance use disorder services, or that is otherwise required to submit data to a county through the CalOMS Tx system.
- 4) States that this bill does not impose additional or new reporting requirements on an AOD RTF or AOD program that reports data to DHCS pursuant to the CalOMS TX system and DATAR.

FISCAL EFFECT:

Costs to DHCS of an unknown amount, potentially over \$150,000, to provide guidance on the data collection requirements in this bill (Residential and Outpatient Program Licensing Fund).

COMMENTS:

- 1) **Purpose.** According to the author:

AB 1879 builds upon and codifies existing Department regulations by requiring recovery residences, licensed alcohol or other drug recovery or treatment facilities, and certified alcohol or other drug programs to

annually provide data on those receiving services. Currently there is a significant gap within existing law about what data is provided to DHCS, and as such this data gap significantly hinders the ability of the legislature to develop effective policies and ensure patients are receiving the care, support and treatment they need.

- 2) **Background.** CalOMS Tx is California's data collection and reporting system for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services. Participating treatment providers that receive SUD treatment funding from DHCS are required to report treatment outcomes data. Counties submit their monthly CalOMS Tx data to DHCS. Counties must collect treatment data for all service recipients, by all providers that receive funding from DHCS, regardless of the source of funds used for the service recipient. For example, if a provider receives any amount of DHCS funding but provides services to a person using only county funds, or provides services to a private-pay client, the provider must still collect and submit CalOMS Tx data for that individual. CalOMS Tx data facilitates improvements in treatment services and is key to ensuring quality improvements that help SUD service recipients, their families, communities, and public health and social systems.

The Drug and Alcohol Treatment Access Report (DATAR) is a DHCS system to collect data on SUD treatment capacity and waiting lists and is considered a supplement to CalOMS Tx. All county contracted SUD treatment providers that receive any SUD treatment funding from DHCS are required to submit the one-page DATAR form to DHCS each month. In addition, certified and county contracted Drug Medi-Cal providers and licensed narcotic treatment programs must report, regardless of whether they receive public funding.

This bill additionally requires providers that do not receive any DHCS funding also report to CalOMS Tx and submit DATAR forms to DHCS.

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