



# California Health Plans Are Required to Share Health Information in Real-Time by 2024. Are You Ready?

Join Manifest MedEx to help meet your data sharing requirements under AB 133 and the CalHHS Data Exchange Framework.

## What is AB 133?

AB 133 is a California state law that requires most California health care organizations, including health plans, to exchange or provide access to health information with each other in real-time for treatment, payment, or health care operations (TPO) by 2024 through the CalHHS Data Exchange Framework (DxF).

## What is the Data Exchange Framework (DxF)?

The DxF comprises a single Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) and common set of Policies and Procedures (P&Ps) that will govern this exchange of health and social services information among healthcare entities and government agencies beginning January 31, 2024.

The DxF and DSA were developed with input from a broad set of stakeholders, including California Association of Health Plans and Local Health Plans of California, as well as nonprofit health information organizations like Manifest MedEx (MX), California's largest health data network.

More than 1,400 organizations have signed the DSA!

## Data Elements To Be Exchanged Under the DxF\*

*Health Plans, including but not limited to health care service plans and disability insurers that provide hospital, medical, or surgical coverage that are regulated by the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance, Medi-Cal managed care plans, shall provide access to or exchange, at a minimum, the data required to be shared under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Interoperability and Patient Access regulations for public programs as contained in United States Department of Health and Human Services final rule CMS-9115-F, 85 FR 25510 including, but not limited to, adjudicated claims, encounter data and clinical data as defined in the USCDI if maintained by the entity.*

\*Excerpt from DxF Policy and Procedures finalized in July 2022

## Which health plans will need to sign the DSA?

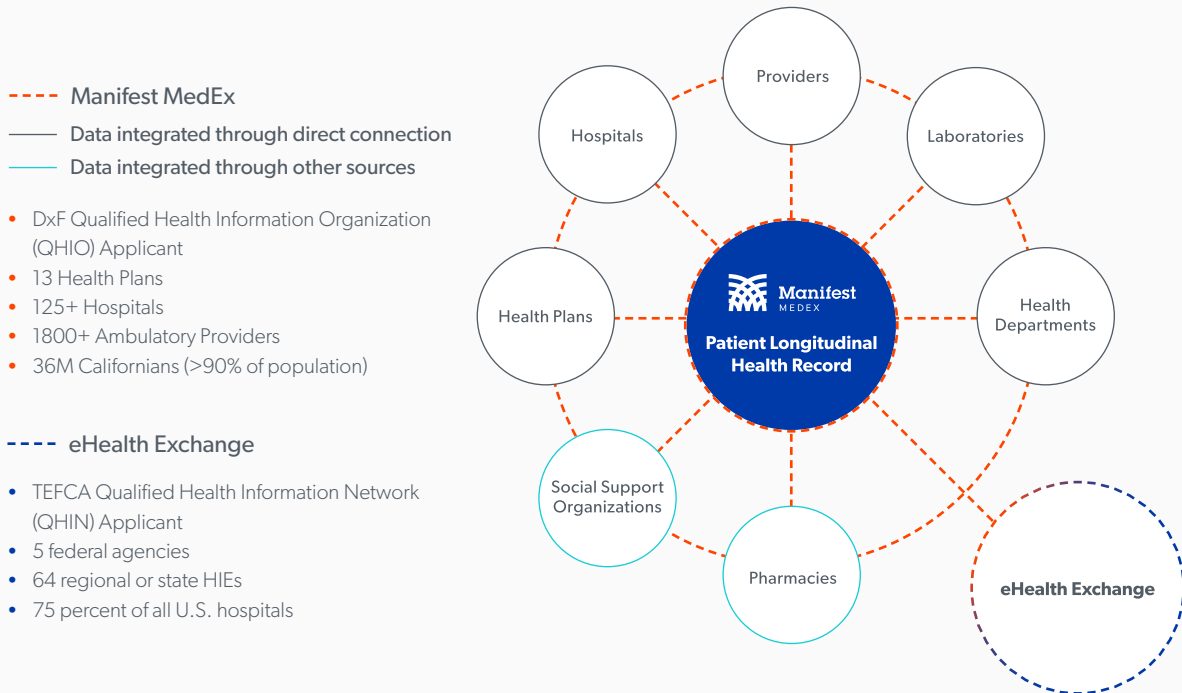
All commercial, Covered California, and Medicaid Managed Care plans regulated under the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) and California Department of Insurance (CDI) are required to sign the DSA and meet the data sharing requirements by January 31, 2024. Medicare Advantage plans should seek counsel on whether they are required under the law to participate.

## How can Manifest MedEx help health plans meet their DxF data sharing requirements?

As the largest nonprofit health data network in California, Manifest MedEx is an integral part of the state's health data infrastructure, combining and delivering crucial health information for more than 36 million Californians across every county throughout the state.

### Manifest MedEx: A California Health Data Network with National Connectivity

Manifest MedEx is California's only statewide nonprofit health information organization that exchanges health data with national and other regional networks, ensuring participants can share data as needed across a broad health data ecosystem.



By joining Manifest MedEx, health plans can participate in this exchange and meet most of their requirements under AB 133. MX can help health plans:



### **Securely exchange DxF required data,**

Manifest MedEx is one of the only nonprofit health information organizations (HIOs) in California that regularly aggregates, normalizes, matches, and shares claims, encounter, and clinical data – as required of health plans by AB 133.

We can help health plans meet their data sharing requirements by exchanging:

- Adjudicated claims
- Encounter information from capitated providers
- Clinical data as defined by USCDI v2, including laboratory results when maintained by the impacted payer

Manifest MedEx also connects with national networks to help participants share and receive data more broadly as needed.

We are the only health data network in California that has earned the gold standard in security certification — the HITRUST CSF® Certification.



### **In the right data format,**

Claims, encounter, and clinical information is exchanged in a wide variety of nationally adopted technical standards that comply with the DxF requirements.



### **With other DSA Signatories,**

This health data is easily accessible to other participants of the DxF through a range of data services and our web-based longitudinal health record application, MX Access. In addition, MX makes this information available through required DxF transaction pattern standards via eHealth Exchange, a “network of networks” that makes it easy for health systems and health data networks to request and retrieve records from each other on behalf of their participating health care organizations.



### **For required and permitted uses only.**

The data shared through MX on an individual is accessible to permitted HIPAA-covered entities, their business associates, and compliant DSA signatories for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations (TPO) or because of a public health relationship with that individual.

Manifest MedEx is a local partner in every county throughout California, working on the ground with communities across the state. Health care is local, and health plans can depend on MX's expertise in community health needs, regional care delivery systems, and local market factors throughout the country's most populous and diverse state.

Manifest MedEx intends to apply to become a DxF Qualified Health Information Organization (QHIO), a designation from the state for organizations that have met strict criteria and can help DSA signatories meet their obligations under the DxF.

In addition to meeting data sharing requirements, health plans that participate in Manifest MedEx can also improve efficiency and member experience with faster, more informed care coordination, identify and resolve care gaps, manage population health, and streamline HEDIS reporting with NCQA-validated data.

### **Are there programs or incentives to offset the costs of onboarding to MX?**

To provide direct support to DSA Signatories to meet their data sharing requirements, CalHHS is administering up to \$47M in funding through DSA Signatory Grants to subsidize their implementation efforts. The CalHHS grant program offers two different types of grants (QHIO Onboarding Grants and Technical Assistance Grants) that can be used to onboard to Manifest MedEx, and currently there are three rounds of funding. To learn more, visit our DxF Resources page at [manifestmedex.org](https://manifestmedex.org).

**Participate alongside California's leading health plans in using data to care for millions of members. Join us at [manifestmedex.org](https://manifestmedex.org) or contact us at [info@manifestmedex.org](mailto:info@manifestmedex.org).**