

# OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY

HEALTH CARE  
NUTS AND BOLTS

with



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## WHAT IS OHCA?

The Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA) is charged with analyzing health care cost drivers and trends, and developing data-informed policies to lower health care costs. OHCA sits under the Department of Health Care Access and Information.



## OHCA STRUCTURE



OHCA has a **Health Care Affordability Board** whose primary responsibility is to **set annual spending targets** for maximum annual growth in health care spending for certain entities.



OHCA also has a **Health Care Affordability Advisory Committee** that provides technical input, data analysis, and recommendations to the Board, but has no decision-making authority.

## DATA & ENFORCEMENT

Total health care expenditures data must be submitted each year by health care entities annually for the previous two calendar years.



Beginning in 2026, if a health care entity exceeds the growth cap for the year, OHCA may take actions including:



- Technical assistance
- Performance Improvement Plan
- Administrative fines

For more information, see CHBRP's [explainer](#): OHCA: An Overview.

## WHO DO THE SPENDING TARGETS APPLY TO?



Health plans  
and insurers



Hospitals



Physician  
groups of 25+

*Note: OHCA's Board voted to also impose annual spending targets on "high-cost hospitals," as defined by the Board.*



YEAR



TARGET

2026

3.5%

2027-28

3.2%

2029+

3%

*Spending targets for "high-cost" hospitals are 1.8%, 1.7%, and 1.6% for 2026, 2027-2028, and 2029, respectively.*