

**Cost Transparency Database Program – Phase 1 Implementation Plan
February 2019**

The 2018 Budget Act included a one-time appropriation of \$60 million General Fund for the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) to develop and administer a statewide Healthcare Cost Transparency Database. The information from the database is intended to support greater transparency regarding healthcare costs. The information will be used to inform policy decisions regarding the provision of quality health care, and to reduce disparities and healthcare costs. It is also intended for the information to be used to develop innovative approaches, services, and programs that may have the potential to deliver health care that is both cost effective and responsive to the needs of all Californians.

OSHPD is responsible for convening a Review Committee composed of healthcare stakeholders and experts to advise OSHPD on the establishment, implementation, sustainability, and ongoing administration of the database. OSHPD must submit a report to the Legislature by July 1, 2020 with recommendations of the review committee. The database is to be substantially completed by July 1, 2023, subject to budget appropriation and necessary data.

The Phase 1 Implementation Plan includes project activities from January 2019 until the report to the Legislature is due by July 1, 2020.

Projected Time	Period Project Activities
2019 – Quarter 1 January to March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select Committee Members • Continue environmental scan and market research • Disseminate Committee Issue Materials to Committee Members • Conduct first monthly committee meeting on March 21, 2019
2019 – Quarter 2 April to June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Committee Meetings • Begin IT project planning
2019 – Quarter 3 July to September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Committee Meetings • Begin drafting report
2019 – Quarter 4 October to December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Committee Meetings • Develop final committee recommendations
2020 – Quarter 1 January to March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Committee Meeting to respond to questions and comments prior to finalizing report • Finalize report
2020 – Quarter 2 April to June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize report for submission to the Legislature by July 1, 2020