

Contracting Agency Health Regions: Challenges and Future Directions

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Current State

Regions Evaluation

- Critical to recruit and retain public agency employers
- Impact on competitiveness, sustainability, and affordability

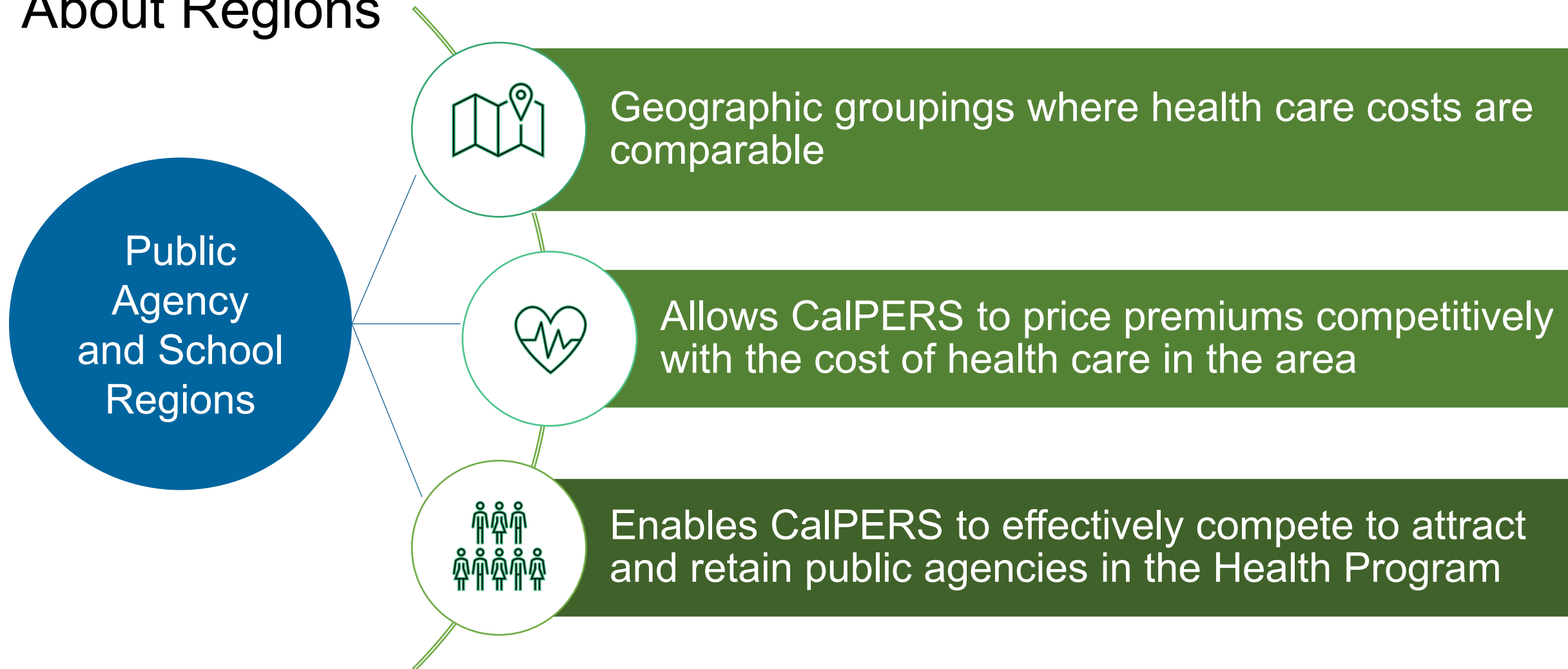
Competing Goals

- Expand the program
- Affordability and sustainability of program

Strategic Implications

- More regions align with health care costs
- Monitor for adverse selection long term

About Regions

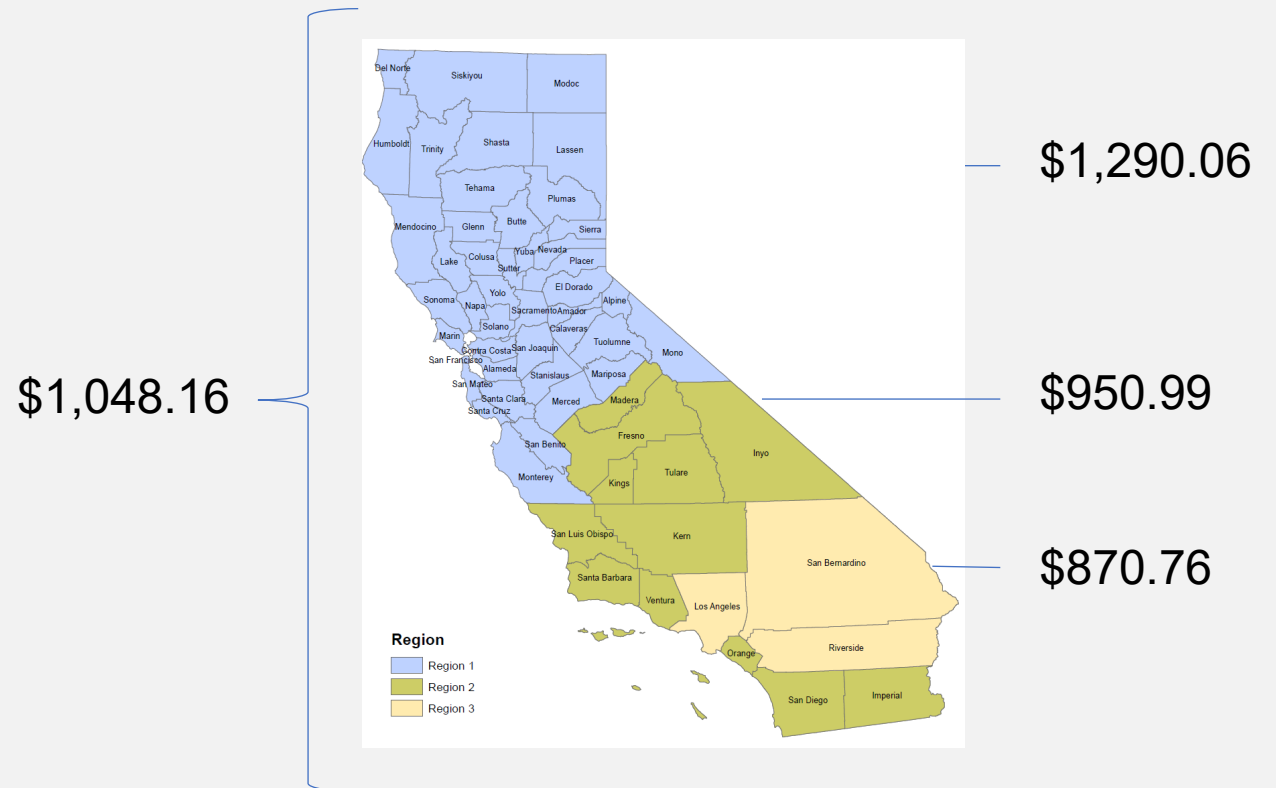


Public agency
contracting
employers

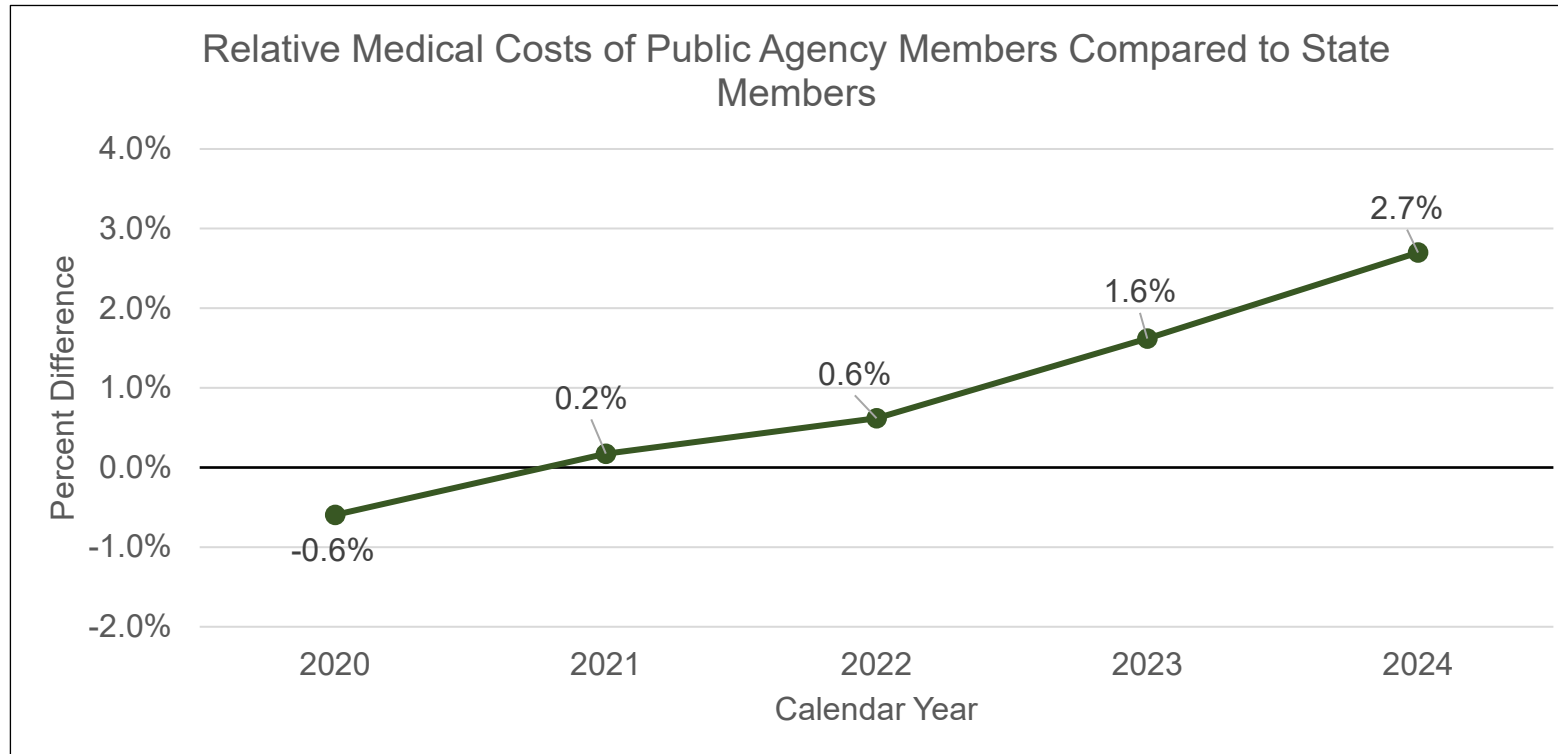
Basic Plans only

45%
or 511,000 members

2026 State and Regional Premiums example UnitedHealthcare Alliance HMO, Single Party Rate

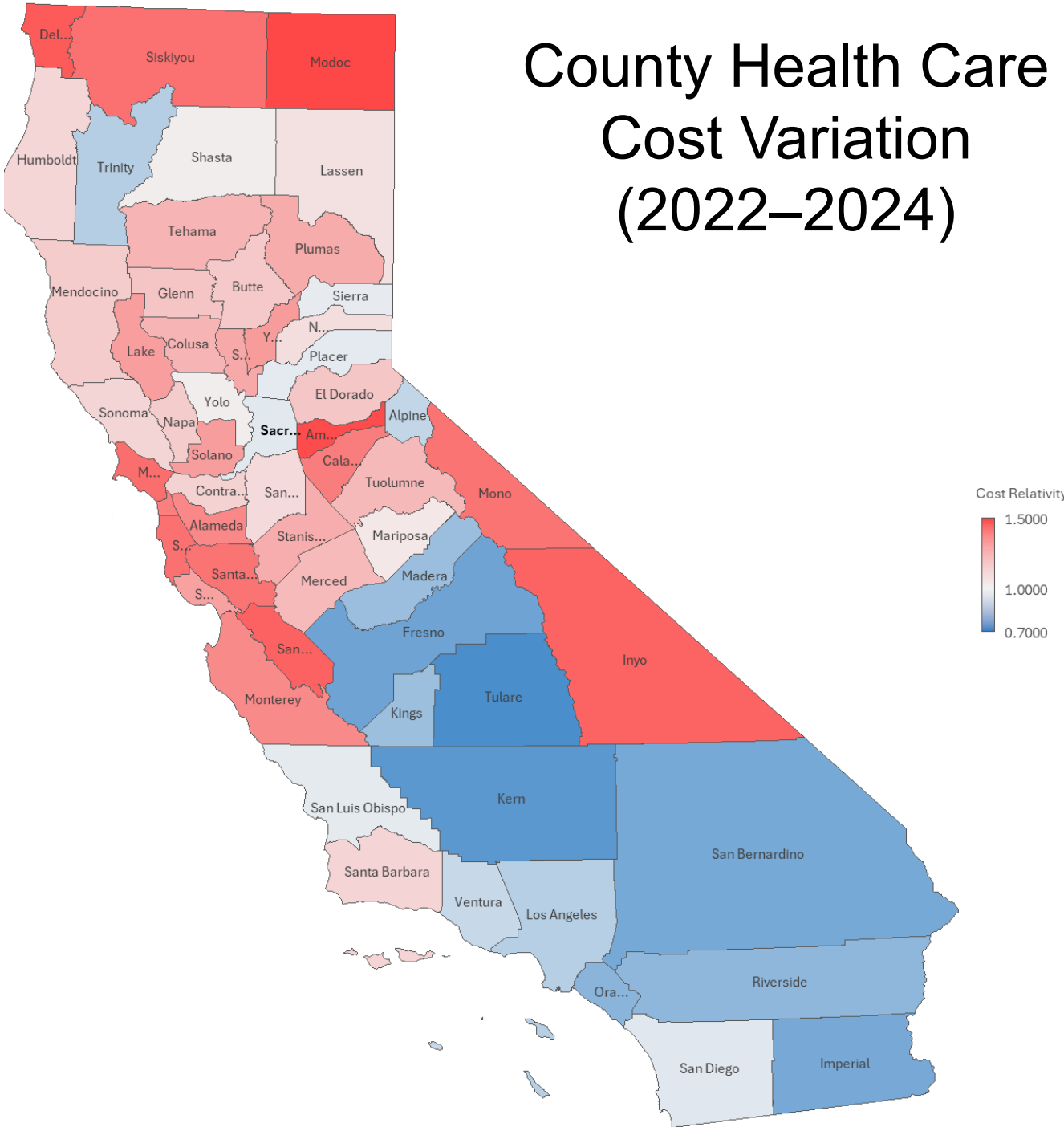


Comparing Medical Costs



Key Takeaway: Public Agency members' average costs are growing faster than State members' costs. In 2020, Public Agency members were 0.6% less expensive than State members; by 2024, Public Agency members had become 2.7% more expensive.

County Health Care Cost Variation (2022–2024)



History of Board Action on Regions

2005: 4 Regions



2009: 5 Regions



2020: 3 Regions Today



Health Regions Today

Public agency and school health regions by county



Region 1

Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Benito, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba



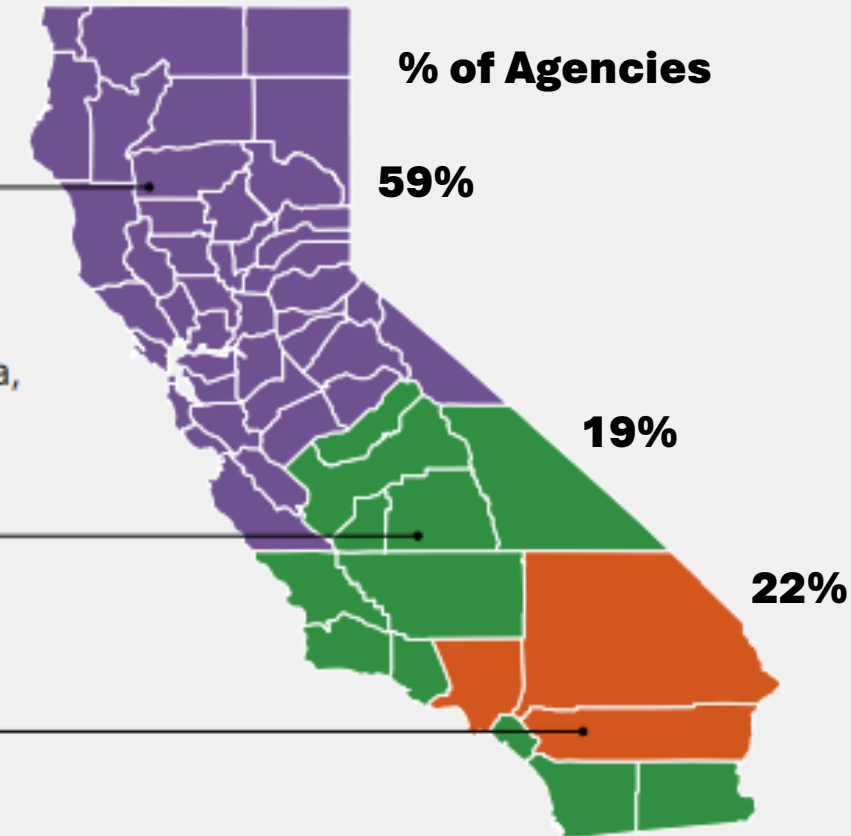
Region 2

Fresno, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Orange, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare, and Ventura



Region 3

Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino

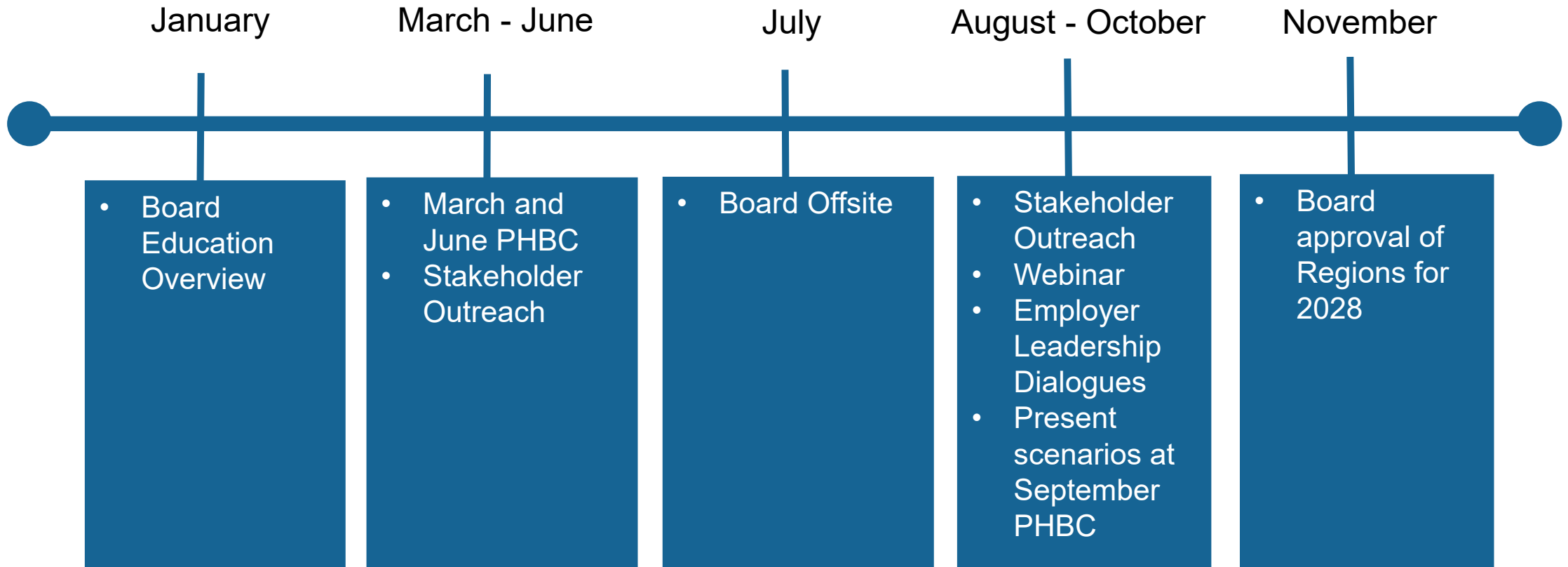


Covered California Rating Regions

**California Rating & Plan Regions
Color Coded by County**



2026 Regions Evaluation Timeline



Questions & Answers