

All-Payer Claims Database Data Release Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
November 9, 2021	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom Meeting Recording

Participant Name and Attendance

Committee Members				
Dr. Patricia Checko, Chair	X	John Brady	X	
Michael Girlamo	X	Kun Chen	X	
Justin Peng	X	Lisa Freeman	X	
Sheryl Turney		Michael Fields		

Supporting Leadership

Olga Armah, OHS	X	Adrian Texidor, OHS		Jeannina Thompson, OHS	X
Sumit Sajnani, OHS	X	Chris Wyvill, OHS	X	Joseph Rus, OHS	
Amy Tibor, OHS	X				

Other Participants

Ambarash Ambegaonkar, Apperture, LLC	X				
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Agenda

	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome and Call to Order	Dr. Patricia Checko	1:00 PM
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the All-Payer Claims Database Data Release Committee was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 by webinar.		
	Dr. Pat Checko welcomed the Committee members and called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.		
2.	Introductions	Dr. Patricia Checko	1:05 PM
	Dr. Checko welcomed and introduced Amy Tibor as a new staff member supporting the DRC.		
	Dr. Checko welcomed Sumit Sajnani and announced his appointment to serve as the state's Health Information Technology Officer. Mr. Sajnani briefly introduced himself.		
3.	Public Comment	Attendees	1:05 PM
	There was no public comment.		
4.	Approval of the May 11th Meeting minutes	Attendees	1:10 PM
	Dr. Checko requested a motion to approve the APCD Data Release Committee May 11, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was made by John Brady and seconded by Lisa Freeman. There was no discussion. The motion passed.		
5.	Apperture LLC Application Review and Vote	Ambarash Ambegaonkar, Apperture, LLC	1:15 PM
	Dr. Checko introduced Ambarash Ambegaonkar to present the data request proposal submitted by Apperture LLC.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Ambegaonkar provided a brief company profile for Apperture and described the team that would be assigned to analyze APCD data related to three major disease states. The project team would consist of four members with various levels of expertise.		

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- Mr. Ambegaonkar stated that medication adherence is an area of focus for the research study. Mr. Ambegaonkar described some of the factors associated with medication adherence referencing research published by the World Health Organization. The research team would study the consistency of these factors across the state's most prevalent chronic diseases according to the CT-DPH website: cancer, diabetes, and asthma.
- Mr. Ambegaonkar described how the research team arrived at the data sets to request in this initial request.
- Mr. Ambegaonkar provided a detailed presentation regarding the research study design and methodology that would be used to collect and analyze the requested APCD data. Members asked a variety of questions. Dr. Checko asked Mr. Ambegaonkar to further explain the matching methodology to the group. Mr. Sajnani asked about the timeframe for which the analysis will be completed. Mr. Ambegaonkar indicated that the study should be completed within 6-9 months and the final report within 12 months. Dr. Checko informed Dr. Ambegaonkar that the APCD is only able to provide commercial data due to the agreement that the department has with Medicare. Medicaid data would need to be requested directly through Medicaid. A discussion regarding the amount of commercial data available took place. Ms. Armah also questioned how the study would identify pharmacy claims for cancer, diabetes and asthma as the data request did not include diagnoses information. Mr. Ambegaonkar responded that the study will use a known panel of prescription drugs for the three conditions based on the drugs' national drug code (NDC) available in and requested from the APCD.
- Mr. Ambegaonkar provided an overview of the firm's data storage and access policy. Mr. Wyvill asked for additional information regarding the firm's intent to store data on One Drive. Mr. Ambegaonkar proposed obtaining a HIPPA compliant dedicated server. Mr. Ambegaonkar will send a revised request to the OHS team with this information.
- Ms. Armah stated that Apperture used an old version of the application to make their request. Since the new application asks for a copy of the report, Mr. Armah asked if Apperture will be able to provide a copy of their final report. Mr. Ambegaonkar stated yes, and if the analysis is to be published, Apperture will provide four weeks to OHS to approve any analysis that comes out of the study prior to publishing.

Dr. Checko requested a motion to approve the data request application from Apperture, LLC as presented. Justin Peng made the motion. Michael Girlamo seconded. Mr. Sajnani abstained. The motion passed.

6.	Update on DRC Application Review Workgroup	Dr. Patricia Checko	1:55 PM
	<p>Dr. Checko provided an update on the DRC Application Review Workgroup.</p> <p>Highlights of the update included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Checko thanked the members of the DRC Application Workgroup. Dr. Checko stated that the group has met several times and it has been determined that the work of the small group is a large undertaking. They have decided to narrow the focus of their concentration to reviewing the application process of New England states only. The potential for future grant funding and issues around a shared application that would be standardized were decision-points. Dr. Checko stated that going forward, this will become a project of the full DRC. Dr. Checko stated that next steps will be inviting the New England states to a future meeting to present.• Dr. Checko mentioned limited data sets as a potential future topic of discussion for the DRC and potential discussion with the full APCD Advisory Group.• There was no discussion on the updates.		

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7.	General Discussion	Dr. Patricia Checko	2:00 PM
	<p>Dr. Checko and Ms. Armah provided the following general updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Checko announced that the DRC received its first pre-publication manuscript submitted by UConn Health Center. The DRC had approved use of APCD data to develop a suicide algorithm by UConn Health Center in a previous DRC meeting. Dr. Checko stated that the creation of a repository where papers and reports will be stored and shared will be discussed internally.• Ms. Armah informed the DRC that a presentation was provided to the advisory board requesting approval to collect denied claims data and updating the related data submission guide; the board approved the requests unanimously.• Ms. Armah updated the group regarding the federal funding opportunity becoming available to states related to the collection of claims data or improvements to the APCD analytics process. The application process has not opened yet. OHS will be applying for the grant. Dr. Checko suggested that it might be beneficial for the DRC to hear the denied claims collection presentation that was provided to the full board.		
8.	Meeting Adjournment	Dr. Patricia Checko	2:15 PM
	<p>Dr. Checko announced that there are applications in-process, however, if there are no applications ready to be reviewed next month, the group may begin to discuss what other states are doing, in future meetings.</p> <p>Dr. Checko requested a motion to adjourn. Lisa Freeman made the motion. Justin Peng seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.</p>		

Upcoming Meeting Dates: December 14, 2021

For more information on the presentation, please see the link below.

https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/APCD_DRC_Recording_110921.mp4

Meeting information is located at: <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/HIT-Work-Groups/APCD-Data-Release-Committee>