

All Payer Claims Database Data Release Committee Meeting

June 13, 2023



Agenda

Agenda Item

Welcome and Call to Order & Introductions

Public Comment

Action: Review and Approve Minutes: February 14, 2023

Hospitals' Community Benefit Program Data Request Process

Hospitals' Community Benefit Program Data Release Application Review & Comment

APCD Strategic Planning Update

Update on APCD Data Release Applications and Releases

General Discussion

Action: meeting Adjournment

Public Comment

(2 minutes per commenter)

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Hospitals' Community Benefit Program Data Request Process and What is Community Benefit

Dr. Patricia Checko & Olga Armah, OHS

What is Community Benefit?

Community Benefit Overview

- Community Benefits are “initiatives and activities undertaken by nonprofit hospitals to improve health in the communities they serve”
- "Community benefit program" means any voluntary program or activity to promote preventive health care, protect health and safety, improve health equity and reduce health disparities, reduce the cost and economic burden of poor health and improve the health status for all populations within the geographic service areas of a hospital

Community Benefit Overview

- Nonprofit hospitals are relieved of taxes for demonstrating community benefit pursuant to:
 - Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) and 501(r)
 - IRS Revenue Ruling 69-545
- There are six factors hospitals may demonstrate to qualify for tax exemption
- The IRS uses a standard to test if those factors were demonstrated, but no one factor is determinative
- IRS Form 990 Schedule H is how hospitals document evidence of community benefit

Community Benefit Overview

- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (2010)
- Internal Revenue Code 501(r)
 - Financial Assistance Policy
 - Community Health Needs Assessment
 - Implementation Strategy
 - Limitation on Charges
 - Billing and Collection

Community Benefit Overview

- Examples of community benefit include:
 - Unreimbursed costs from Medicaid patients
 - Charity care - discounted or free care - for qualifying patients
 - Health professions education
 - Nurse education for those free to pursue employment elsewhere
 - Community Health Improvement Services and Community Benefit Operations
 - Activities solely to improve a community; Community Health Needs Assessments

Community Benefit Overview

- Examples of community benefit include:
 - Subsidized health services
 - Service provided despite a loss that addresses an identified health need
 - Psychiatric inpatient beds
 - Unfunded research by the organization or funded by a tax-exempt organization or government entity
 - Cash and in-kind contributions
- Activities that must be justified include community building, as well as the unreimbursed costs from Medicare patients and bad debt

Hospitals' Community Benefit Program Data Release Application Review & Comment

Dr. Patricia Checko

APCD Strategic Planning Update

OHS

Initiatives Selected for 2023

- OHS will pursue the following objectives from the Strategic Plan concept Paper:
 - Website Redesign
 - Data Visualizations
 - OHS will send a survey to Data Release Committee members for feedback on data visualizations
 - Filling the APCD Data Release Committee and APCD Advisory Group Vacancies
 - OHS will then produce project plans for each activity we will complete in 2023.

Update on APCD Data Release Applications and Releases

Adrian Texidor, OHS

APCD Data Types & Years Available

The APCD comprises **medical, pharmacy, and dental*** claims information from enrollment and eligibility files

Payer Source	Claim Type	Years Available
Commercial** - Fully insured claims - State Employees & Retirees - Medicare Advantage (Medical only)	Eligibility/Enrollment Medical claims Pharmacy claims	1/1/2012 – 12/31/2022
Medicaid	Eligibility/Enrollment Medical claims Pharmacy claims	1/1/2015 – 12/31/2022
Medicare	Eligibility/Enrollment Medical claims Pharmacy claims	1/1/2012- 12/31/2019 1/1/2012 – 12/31/2018

*Collection yet to begin

**Anthem, Aetna, Cigna East, Cigna West, ConnectiCare, United Healthcare, HealthyCT, Harvard Pilgrim, Optum Health, Oxford, WellCare Health, eviCORE Healthcare, Express Scripts, Caremark

Reporting threshold – 3,000 members

Wrap up and Adjournment