



**All-Payer Claims Database Data Release Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023**

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, December 12, 2023	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom Meeting Recording

Participant Name and Attendance

Committee Members

Patricia Checko, Chair	R	Alynne Mallory Pryor	R	Lisa Freeman	R
Michael Girlamo	R	John Brady	X	Michael Fields	R
Justin Peng	R	Kun Chen	R		

Supporting Leadership & Other Participants

Olga Armah, OHS	R	Sumit Sajnani, OHS	R	Chris Wyvill, OHS	R
Jeannina Thompson, OHS	R	Amy Tibor, OHS	R		

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Agenda

	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome and Call to Order	Dr. Checko	1:00 PM
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the All-Payer Claims Database Data Release Committee (DRC) was held virtually on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Chair Checko called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.		
2.	Public Comment	Dr. Checko	1:03 PM
	There was no public comment.		
3.	Action: Application Review and Vote: Planned Parenthood of Southern New England (PPSNE)	Allie Merfeld, Day Health Strategies & Yazy Moya, PPSNE	1:05 PM
	Chair Checko welcomed representatives of PPSNE to present their request for APCD data. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allie Merfeld and Emily George of Day Health Strategies and Yazy Moya of PPSNE introduced themselves.• Allie presented a detailed overview of the project goals and purpose for the data request. PPSNE has engaged Day Health Strategies to conduct market assessments. The purpose of the analysis is to understand external and internal factors contributing to PPSNE's reduced visit volume and identify service enhancements and operational improvements that can increase visit volume. Analysis of APCD data will enable a deeper dive into visit trends. The data will also enable a detailed quantitative look at how PPSNE is performing relative to their peers who are providing overlapping services. Sumit Sajnani inquired whether PPSNE is aware of the types of data in the APCD. A brief discussion ensued. Chair Checko commented that a large population still utilize state-funded STD clinics and she recommended PPSNE contact DPH for any shareable data. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allie continued her presentation with an overview of demand analysis implications and the methodology that will be used in the study. She described four main areas of inquiry that have been laid out in relation to demand analysis: market share, payor mix, reimbursement rates, unmet need. Members and staff made comments and asked questions. Olga stated that only the first three numbers of zip codes will be included in the release. Discussion ensued. Sumit commented that OHS is interested in learning more about the findings from unmet need analysis and methodology. Mike Fields requested clarification on PPSNE's response to a question in the application having to do with health equity, specifically how their request for reimbursement rates will support this. A discussion occurred.		
	Allie presented an overview of the data elements being requested and for what purpose. Olga pointed out that some of the data being requested in the presentation, such as provider information, was not included in the application. Olga provided		

	<p>clarification on what data is included in the various data tables. It was agreed that PPSNE would expand/modify their request. Mike Fields inquired about the request for payer data. After extensive discussion, it was agreed that payer data will be masked and NPI left out.</p> <p>Allie presented an overview of data and work product safeguards. Chris Wyvill stated that he reviewed and approved the security documentation.</p> <p>A discussion took place on recent changes made by the DOJ in February regarding safe harbor rules. Mike Fields indicated that he would discuss the ruling with his legal division. Chair Checko stated that the topic can be discussed at the January meeting. Olga stated that OHS will look into this and Mike Fields will find out more about the changes.</p> <p>The full presentation may be viewed here.</p> <p>(Vote) Chair Checko made a motion to approve the data request from Planned Parenthood of Southern New England with stipulations. The motion was seconded (Fields). The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
4.	Action: Review and Approve 2024 Regular Meeting Schedule	Dr. Patricia Checko 1:55 PM
	<p>(Vote) Chair Checko made a motion to approve the 2024 regular meeting schedule. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	
5.	Action: Review and Approve June 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes	Dr. Patricia Checko 1:58 PM
	<p>(Vote) Chair Checko made a motion to approve the APCD-DRC June 13, 2023 meeting minutes. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	
6.	Update on APCD Data Release Applications and Releases	Dr. Checko & Olga Armah 2:00 PM
	<p>Chair Checko announced that one external data release application is in the queue; OHS will proceed with an internal review and the application will be sent to members for review. Chair Checko asked members to please hold Jan 9 on their calendars for this external presentation.</p> <p>Chair Checko stated that she will work with OHS on conducting a review of all previous data requests to determine completion, publications, and data destruction. How to proceed with this can be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Olga commented that although the DRC approved two applications earlier this year, the entities have not followed up on the data. Olga stated that there are two pending internal requests and one external request.</p>	
7.	APCD Updates	Dr. Checko & Olga Armah 2:10 PM
	<p>Olga presented several updates.</p> <p>Data available – commercial data in the APCD is available through June 30, 2023. Changes are being made to the DUA with CMS to ensure OHS receives missing Medicare data; OHS is waiting to hear from CMS' data vendor. Dental and denied claims data submissions will commence in February for January data.</p> <p>Hospital Community Benefit – Olga announced that the portal is now live for hospitals to request limited data sets. Sumit stated that all requests will go through DRC to ensure that the thesis and utilization purpose as described in the application meets the statute and meets the data available in the APCD. It will not be as broad and usual as a typical application but it would still go through the DRC. A limited data set includes two additional items (zip code and dates such as date of service, birth year and date of payment), but even after it includes these items, there are restrictions in the DUA on the utilization of the data. There is no re-identification of the data – no colluding or blending of data.</p> <p>APCD Data Enhancements – Olga stated that a strategic goal of the APCD is to enhance the data, including self-insured data. Governor Lamont held a meeting recently with some of the state's large employers and OHS followed up with an invitation to an informational session. A session was held with several employers on Dec 5. OHS is developing an opt-in form for employers to use with their third-party administrators or any carriers to share their intent to share the data with the APCD.</p>	
8.	Action: Meeting Adjournment	Dr. Patricia Checko 2:17 PM
	Dr. Checko requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made (Freeman). The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.	

Next Meeting Date: January 9, 2024

Zoom meeting recording: ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/APCD_Data_Release_Committee_Recording_12122023.mp4

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