

All Payer Claims Database Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
November 4, 2021	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom Meeting Recording

Participant Name and Attendance

Advisory Group Members					
Sumit Sajnani, Chair, HITO, OHS	X	Dr. Patricia Checko	X	Robert Barry, DAS BEST	
Olga Armah, Co-Chair, OHS	X	François de Brantes		Ken Ferrucci	
Paul Lombardo	X	Sandra Czunas (Josh Wojcik)	X	Dr. Micheala Dinan	X
Dr. Robert Aseltine	X	Michael Giralmo, DHMAS		Cassandra Murphy	X
Scott Gaul, OPM	X	Robert Scalettar, MD		Rachael Lines	X
Ted Doolittle, OHA	X	James Iacobellis	X		
Bill Halsey, DSS	X	Bernie Inskeep	X		
Supporting Leadership					
Jeannina, Thompson, OHS	X	Demian Fontanella	X		
Amy Tibor	X	Adrian Texidor			

Agenda			
	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome and Call to Order	Olga Armah	1:00 PM
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the APCD Advisory Group was held on Thursday, November 4, 2021 by webinar. Olga Armah welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.		
2.	Introductions	Olga Armah	1:05 PM
	<p>Ms. Armah announced the addition of three new council members and changes to the support team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Armah introduced Sumit Sajnani who has been appointed to serve as the state's Health Information Technology Officer. Mr. Sajnani provided a brief introduction of himself. Ms. Armah introduced William Halsey as a new member from CT-DSS replacing Kate McEvoy. Ms. Armah introduced Rachael Lines as a new member from Aetna-CVS. <p>Ms. Armah thanked Tina Kumar for her support on the Council and welcomed Amy Tibor who will support the Council. Ms. Armah thanked Jeannina Thompson for her continued support to the Council.</p> <p>Amy Tibor administered the roll call. It was determined that a quorum had been established. Members introduced themselves.</p>		
3.	Public Comment	Attendees	1:10 PM
	There was no public comment.		
4.	Review and Approval of August 12, Meeting Minutes	Members	1:20 PM
	Ms. Armah asked for a motion to approve the August 12, 2021 APCD Advisory Group meeting minutes. Bernie Inskeep made the motion. Cassandra Murphy seconded. Sumit Sajnani, William Halsey, and Rachael Lines abstained. There was no further discussion. The minutes were approved.		
5.	APCD Updates	Dr. Patricia Checko	1:25 PM
	<p>Dr. Patricia Checko provided updates on the activities of the APCD Data Release Committee (DRC).</p> <p>Highlights of the update included:</p>		

All Payer Claims Database Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on data release applications received and in-process. An application will be reviewed by the DRC during the group's next meeting. The DRC has received its first pre-publication article for review submitted by UConn Health. A repository will be set up enabling the public to review articles as is done in other states. <p>There were no questions on the update.</p> <p>Ms. Armah provided an update on Medicaid Data and Medicare DUA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Armah stated that it was previously reported that DSS is switching from reporting Medicaid data from the T-MSIS (Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS) Analytic Files) file to reporting from the DSS data warehouse and provided a brief explanation for this decision; the DSS has stopped reporting into the APCD from the census-MSIS files. Conversations are ongoing between OHS and OHS's vendor on crosswalking the warehouse data to the Data Submission Guide. It is the hope that by next month, the APCD will be receiving data from the warehouse instead of the T-MSIS file. Ms. Armah reported that since CT is no longer a SIM state, the state must sign an agreement with CMS to receive data on an annual basis, instead of a quarterly basis. Dr. Checko asked for clarification regarding how far out the data presently exists. Ms. Armah summarized the APCD data types and years available by type. An update regarding DRC approved data extracts and aggregate. Ms. Armah announced that OHS is current on data extract requests and there is no longer a backlog. 		
6.	APCD Denied Claims Feedback by Anthem and Discussion	Olga Armah, OHS	1:35 PM
	<p>Ms. Armah presented on APCD Denied Claims Collection.</p> <p>Highlights of the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Armah briefly summarized what had been discussed during the previous meeting regarding the collection of denied claims data. Members had been provided with a presentation on denied claims use cases, collection options, cost implications, and given an opportunity to provide comments over email. During that comment period, OHS received one comment from Anthem. Ms. Armah shared the comment and provided members with a refresher on the adjustment codes mentioned in Anthem's comments. Ms. Armah briefly spoke about the technical changes that would be needed to collect denied claims data, including updates to the data submission guide. <p>There were no questions by members.</p> <p>For more information on the presentation, please see the recording: https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/APCD_Adv_Grp_Recording_110421.mp4</p>		
7.	APCD Denied Claims Collection and Related Data Submission Guide Change Vote	Olga Armah, OHS	1:50 PM
	<p>Ms. Armah requested a motion to approve denied claims collection and related Data Submission Guide change to enable the collection of denied claims. Ted Doolittle made the motion. Dr. Robert Aseltine seconded. The motion passed.</p>		
8.	APCD Federal State All Payer Claims Databases Advisory Committee Report Discussion and Key Takeaways	Olga Armah, OHS	2:00 PM

All Payer Claims Database Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

	<p>Ms. Armah presented on the APCD Federal State APCD Database Advisory Committee Report and Key Takeaways.</p> <p>Highlights of the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A brief update regarding the upcoming federal grant funding opportunity for state APCDs. The grant opportunity would award states up to \$2.5 million to start APCDs or enhance analytics for existing APCDs.• A summary regarding the recommendations by the State All Payer Claims Databases Advisory Committee (SAPCDAC). The SAPCDAC was established by the federal government and convened in 2021 to discuss the types of data to collect and make recommendations to the federal Secretary of Labor. The SAPCDAC membership consists of 15 experts from diverse backgrounds. A report of the committee makes 14 recommendations in 4 key areas:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standardized data layout2. Data submission process3. Data privacy, security, and release4. Voluntary data submission processes• Ms. Armah provided an overview of the recommendations by key area.• Dr. Checko commented on key area #3, data privacy, security, and release. The DRC is looking at the CT-APCD data application process, the application itself and New England state models. The DRC will be making this a primary goal and will be inviting the New England states to discuss their processes and data release statutes.• Ms. Armah announced that states await instructions on the grant application process and requirements.• Ms. Armah opened the meeting to questions. Mr. Gaul initiated a brief discussion regarding voluntary reporting by self-insured plans. Ms. Armah stated that efforts need to be made to encourage reporting. <p>For more information on the presentation, please see the recording: https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/APCD_Adv_Grp_Recording_110421.mp4</p>		
9.	Wrap up and Meeting Adjournment	Olga Armah, OHS	3:00 PM
	<p>The floor was opened for additional questions and comments. There were none. Ms. Armah expressed thanks to everyone for their continued engagement.</p> <p>Ms. Armah requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Iacobellis made the motion. Sandra Czunas seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.</p>		

Upcoming Meeting Dates: February 10, 2022

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

https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/APCD_Adv_Grp_Recording_110421.mp4

Meeting information is located at: <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/HIT-Work-Groups/Health-IT-Advisory-Council>