



**All-Payer Claims Database
Advisory Group Meeting**

May 9, 2024

AGENDA

ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE ADVISORY GROUP – MAY 2024

| TOPIC | PRESENTER(S) |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Welcome & Call to Order | Olga Armah, OHS |
| Public Comment | Members of Public |
| Membership and Staffing Update | Olga Armah, OHS |
| Minutes Approval: Nov 9, 2023 | Chair & Council Members |
| Legislative Update | Olga Armah & Sumit Sajnani, HITO |
| APCD Strategic Planning Update | Olga Armah & Sumit Sajnani, HITO |
| APCD Projects Update | Olga Armah, Amy Tibor, Paul Brady, OHS |
| Health IT Advisory Council Update | Sumit Sajnani, HITO |
| APCD Updates – Data Available | Olga Armah, OHS |
| APCD Data Release Committee Report | Patricia Checko, DRC Chair |
| Adjournment | Olga Armah, OHS |

Public Comment

(2 minutes per commenter)

Membership & Staffing Update

Minutes Approval: November 9, 2023

Legislative Update

Sumit Sajnani, HITO & Olga Armah

APCD Strategic Planning Update

Sumit Sajnani, HITO & Olga Armah

APCD STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE: REFRESHER

- **2022**

- First set of strategic objectives (5) introduced & approved – (included charters & dental/denied collection)

- **2023**

- Strategic proposals (8) introduced & AG/DRC members engaged for feedback – feedback summarized (May)
- Internal prioritization process overview (2 categories & 3 tracks)
- Year in review presented to HITAC (Dec)

- **2024**

- February meeting cancelled
- Today: Year in review & 2024 prioritization

STRATEGIC PLAN PROPOSALS & INTERNAL 2023 PRIORITIZATION

- **Strategic Plan Proposals (8)**

- Two broad areas:
 - 1) data enhancements & utilization (4 proposals)
 - 2) operational enhancements (4 proposals)

- **Internal Prioritization Process**

- Development of 3 Rails (Tracks)
- OHS grouped proposals based on 3 factors: resources, processes, and time
 - Resources = staffing, knowledge base, technical tools
 - Processes = already in place to enable execution, coordination with other states/national efforts, stakeholder engagement (insurers/payers, employers and committees/advisory groups)
 - Time horizon




APCD STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

| CATEGORY | PROPOSAL | SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES | STATUS | 2024 Priority |
|--|--|---|--|------------------------------|
| DATA ENHANCEMENTS & UTILIZATION | Produce & publish data visualizations with APCD data (Track 2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select 3 from 13 proposed cost, utilization and performance use cases that align with OHS priorities | In process | ✓ |
| | Enhance & enrich APCD data (Track 3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convene a data quality workgroup to identify how to improve data quality for field of value that support policy development and evaluation of CT healthcare utilization, cost, and quality | Pending | Preliminary discussion |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue ERISA plan involvement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convene virtual stakeholder listening sessions with ERISA plan sponsors | In process | ✓ |
| | Increase CT State agencies & external use of APCD data | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website redesign to make APCD info more accessible for data requests & publish approved uses (Track 1) Create e-marketing campaign to users as such as educational, research, and non-profit organizations, state agencies, and other states (Track 2) Create public use file for research (Track 1) Update healthcare cost estimator tool to support consumer/purchaser decision-making (Track 1) | In process Pending In process Completed | ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ |

APCD STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

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| OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS | Explore fee structure changes (Track 2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OHS to prepare report on pricing models across nation, fee structure, and fee waivers; solicit feedback & consult with HITAC and APCD advisory bodies to create new fee schedule | Pending | |
| | Refine APCD data request application & process (Track 1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OHS to work with APCD Data Release Committee to revamp data release application and develop more efficient request fulfillment workflow | In process | ✓ |
| | Enact new APCD policies & procedures (Track 1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of ongoing process improvement, update P&Ps to delineate data request process for state agencies versus external (non-state agencies) process Add a data equity assessment for the release requirements Consult with HITAC and APCD advisory bodies | Pending | |
| | Fill APCD Data Release Committee & Advisory Group vacancies (Track 1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fill 2 vacancies on Advisory Group (DPH, rep of CT State Medical Society) Fill 3 vacancies on DRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicaid Director/designee, Attorney with experience in health care, data privacy or research matters Healthcare professional (e.g., physician, nurse, social worker or psychologist) | In process | ✓ |
| | | | In process | ✓ |

OTHER APCD STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES IN FLIGHT

| ACTIVITY | TASKS | STATUS |
|---|---|---|
| <p>New Data Collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dental & Denied Claims Race, Ethnicity & Language in compliance with C.G.S. § 19a-754d | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> APCD AG approved updated Data Submission Guide (DSG) for new data collection (April '23 - special meeting) 30-day public review of the DSG (May-June '23) New DSG in effect – Oct 1, 2023 Data submission begins with new DSG – Feb '24 |  |
| <p>New Improved Cost Estimator – consumer/purchaser decision tool</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgraded tool includes paid amounts & out of pocket payments on 25+ commonly provided inpatient services, outpatient services/procedure, outpatient Rx drugs, durable medical equipment (DME) NEW: publish in 2024 NEW: market in 2024 |  |
| <p>Stakeholder engagement campaign to encourage self-insured employers to submit to CT-APCD</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation to CT large employers (Dec 2023) Creation of opt-in form for employers' use to authorize TPA/insurer to submit NEW: National APCD Council outreach NEW: Develop & publish process on website NEW: conduct further stakeholder engagement (met with carriers Apr 2024) |  |

DATA VISUALIZATIONS PRIORITIZATION

5 Data Visualizations Prioritized (from 13)

| | VISUALIZATION | STATUS |
|----|---|---|
| 1) | Evaluate treatment patterns at the provider level including prescribing generic vs brand name drugs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What conditions and corresponding treatments should OHS prioritize? | Prioritized for 2024 |
| 2) | Analyze prevalence of surprise billing in CT | Pending |
| 3) | Analyze chronic disease prevalence in particular populations based on insurance type and demographic factors | Completed 2022-23 for Cost Growth |
| 4) | Evaluate preventable ED usage and costs among insurance types and demographics | Pending |
| 5) | Compare CT's Medicaid prices to commercial plan payments/prices for healthcare service | Prioritized for 2024 |

APCD STRATEGIC PLANNING

2024 Prioritization

May 2024 – May 2025 Strategic Priorities

- Explore/Initiate public use file for research
- **NEW:** Explore/Initiate Non-claims data collection
- Produce & publish data visualizations
- Convene virtual stakeholder listening sessions with ERISA plan sponsors
- Convene data quality workgroup
- Website redesign – make APCD info more accessible for data requests & publish approved uses
- Publish & market cost estimator tool
- Revamp data release application and develop more efficient request fulfillment workflow
- Fill vacancies

APCD STRATEGIC PLANNING

2024 Prioritization

Next Steps

- Re-evaluate resources & prioritize initiatives & data visualizations
- Plan future presentations on:
 - Non-claims data collection
 - Public use file creation

APCD Projects – Status Update

Olga Armah, Amy Tibor &
Paul Brady, OHS

APCD PROJECTS – STATUS UPDATE

Projects in Flight

- APCD Snapshot
- Statewide Facilities Plan Preliminary Report
- Cost Growth Benchmark 2024 Report
- Studies:
 - Behavioral Health Parity
 - Hospital Community Benefit
- Cost Estimator Tool
- Health Equity Dashboard

Cost Estimator Tool Update

Cost Estimator Tool – Background/Refresher

- Statute (C.G.S. §19a-754a) required OHS to establish a consumer health information website.
- Fulfilling this requirement, OHS established [HealthscoreCT](#)
- [CT Healthcare Affordability Index](#) (CHAI) is a consumer affordability interactive tool - presently resides on site
- Statute (C.G.S. 19a-755a) also requires OHS to *use the APCD to collect, assess, and report healthcare information relating to safety, quality, cost effectiveness, and access for all levels of healthcare*. In pursuit of this, OHS launched a **Cost Estimator Tool** in 2019.
- Some issues identified – issues have been addressed & enhancements made.

Upgraded tool includes paid amounts & out of pocket payments on 25+ commonly provided inpatient services, outpatient services/procedure, onpatient Rx drugs, durable medical equipment (DME)



*OHS hopes to brand a future version of the Cost Estimator (some efforts already underway)

Cont'd Background & Next Steps

Background Cont'd.

- Preview of updated tool shared with CHA
- Recommendations incorporated & further enhancements made

Next Steps

- Tool anticipated to be published end of May / early June
- Opportunity for continued stakeholder feedback through beta testing
- OHS engaging various state agencies to support with branding efforts (e.g. top features of tool, tagline, “it’s more than just a tool for consumers...”)

Race, Ethnicity & Language (REL) Health Equity Dashboard

Paul Brady, OHS

Agenda

1. Background
2. Purpose
3. Working Group Progress
4. Timeline to Date & Next Steps

Background

- In 2022, Office of Health Strategy (OHS) and Department of Social Services (DSS) secured approximately \$1.15 million of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.
- Part of the funds received was to develop a dashboard to identify and monitor communities that experience racial/ethnic disparities which were exacerbated by COVID-19.
- The dashboard will serve as a tool to support community-based healthcare providers and organizations to identify and meet unmet healthcare needs in those communities.
- Also, the dashboard is intended to support activities that lead to achieving the goals established in [Public Act 21-35](#) which includes eliminating health disparities and inequities by at least seventy percent across all sectors in CT.

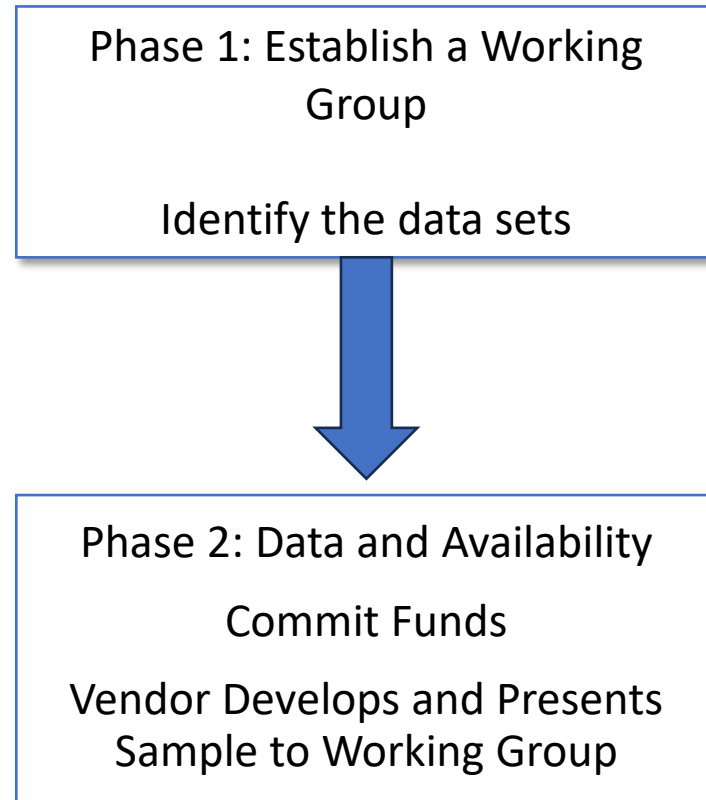
Purpose

- The dashboard is to identify and monitor communities that experience racial/ethnic disparities exacerbated by COVID 19 and serve as a tool for healthcare providers and organizations in identifying and meeting the unmet healthcare needs.

Health Equity Design Group

- Purpose of the group is to recommend the factors, measures and outcomes, data/information sources and a design for the health equity dashboard
- Partners: OHS, DPH, DMHAS, AHCT, Commission on Racial Equity and Public Health
- Next Meeting – May 10th

Timeline to Date & Next Steps



Feedback, Ideas, and Questions



Health IT Advisory Council Update

Sumit Sajnani, HITO

APCD Updates: Data Available

Olga Armah, OHS

2023 APCD Achievements & Initiatives

OHS & State Initiated Projects Supported by APCD Data

1. Outpatient Rx drugs transparency mandate
 2. Rand 5.0 employer-initiated study
 3. Hospital facility fee analysis to support legislative update
 4. Healthcare cost and quality benchmarks & primary care target initiative (legislatively mandated, data use strategy, identifying insurers and providers that exceed benchmarks)
 5. Health care service pricing and availability for Certificate of Need decision making **(8)**
 6. Hospital cost and market impact for proposed hospital consolidation
 7. Telehealth expansion and access improvement study (legislatively mandated)
 8. Reproductive health services access for commercial population to support legislation
 9. Claims volume by product line to support Connie federal funding match analyses **(40% CMS cost share increased to 43%)**
 10. Autism services access and relative price comparisons between commercial and Medicaid
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2023 APCD Achievements & Initiatives

OHS & State Initiated Projects Supported by APCD Data

11. Cost estimator – improved healthcare consumer/purchaser tool (publication pending)
12. Inpatient/Outpatient services price comparison between state employees and other commercial insurance plans
13. APCD Snapshot – updated online dashboard of summary data available e.g., data available, # of people insured from year to year, medical procedures performed, drugs prescribed, costs for health plans and consumers
14. Payment parity and behavioral health coverage by private insurers (legislatively mandated study – in progress, report due '24)
15. Impact of CT hospital and health care system consolidations (legislatively mandated study, released Apr 2024)
16. Statewide healthcare utilization study and facilities and services plan (legislative mandated report, in progress)
17. CT expenditure on Medicare 10 Rx drugs subject to negotiations

2023 APCD Achievements & Initiatives

OHS & State Initiated Projects Supported by APCD Data

18. Insurance Exchange market plan utilization review
19. Investigating how representative APCD inpatient data is of hospital inpatient discharge data
20. Chronic disease programs review - pending
21. Primary care provider information to support health profession shortage area designations decision making APCD Advisory Group Meeting – May 2024
22. CT healthcare affordability index dashboard update – in progress

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** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully Insured Claims • State Employees/Retirees & Municipalities in State Partnership Plan • Medicare Advantage (Medical only, no pharmacy) | Eligibility/Enrollment Medical Claims Pharmacy Claims | 1/1/2012 – 12/31/2023 |
| Medicaid | Eligibility/Enrollment Medical Claims Pharmacy Claims | 1/1/2015 – 12/31/2023 |
| Medicare*** | Eligibility/Enrollment Medical Claims | 1/1/2012 – 12/31/2019 |
| | Pharmacy Claims | 1/1/2012 – 12/31/2018 |

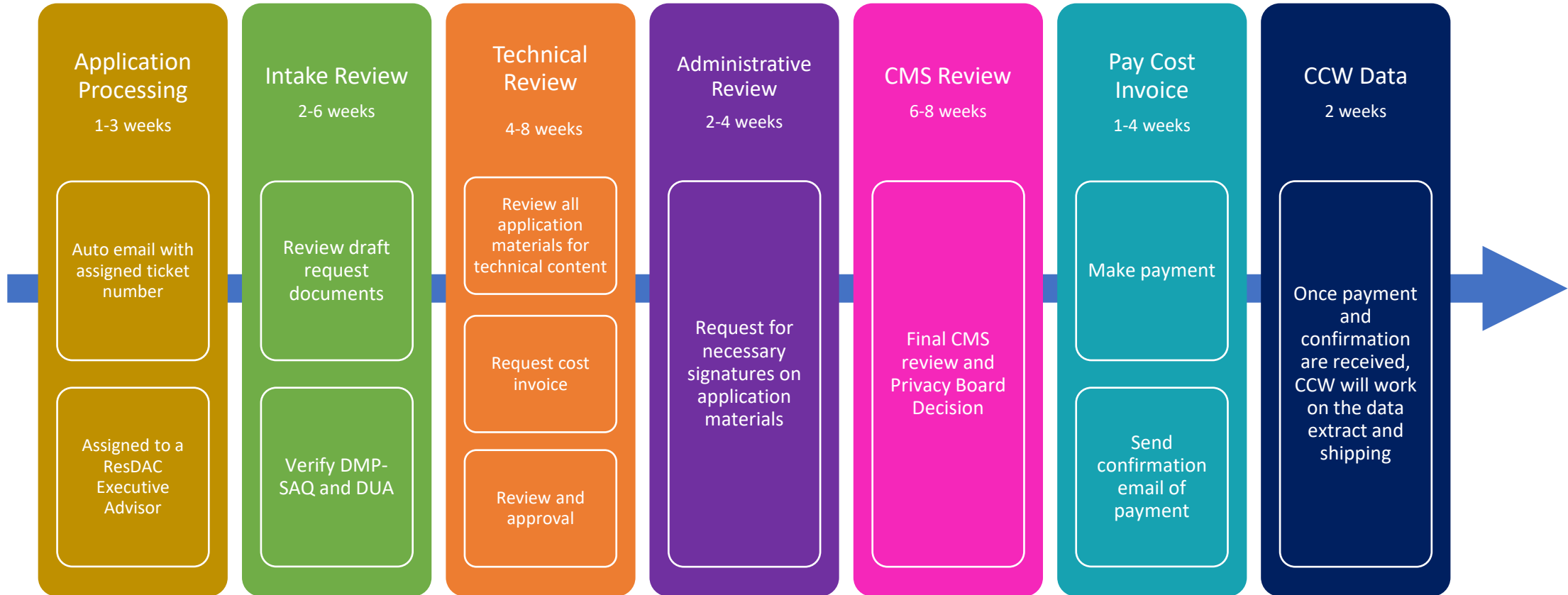
FACT:
As of 2024 the CT APCD contains over 1B records

For Snapshot of Data Available Visit [HealthscoreCT](#)

*Denied and dental claims and new REL data collection began January 2024
 **Anthem (Elevance Health), Aetna, Cigna East, Cigna West, ConnectiCare, UnitedHealthcare, HealthyCT, Harvard Pilgrim, Optum Health, Oxford, WellCare Health, eviCORE Healthcare, Express Scripts, Caremark. Dental carriers: UnitedHealthcare, Ameritas, Elevance Health, Aetna, Cigna, Unum
 Reporting threshold – 3,000 members
 ***Request submitted to ResDac/CMS for 2019 – 2022 data

APCD UPDATES: MEDICARE DATA USE AGREEMENT

ResDac Timeline (18-35 weeks or 5-9 months)



Graphic provided by ONPOINT Health Data

APCD DATA COLLECTION: DENTAL

- First reporting began in Feb 2024 for Jan 2024 data
 - 25 dental policies in CT
 - 25 dental carriers registered during OHS annual registration
 - 3 carriers (on has three subsidiaries) meet the 3,000 lives reporting threshold

APCD Data Release Committee Report

Dr. Patricia Checko

2023 DRC APPROVED DATA EXTRACTS & AGGREGATE

External Data Extracts & Aggregate

1. Provider commercial price comparisons – Alleged anti-competitive activities investigation (subpoena to State)
 2. Planned Parenthood of Southern New England – assessing demand for, utilization, and relative pricing of primary care, reproductive, and sexual health services for internal planning
 3. CT hospital community benefit program (legislatively mandated – requests and releases of standard data file pending)
 4. Humbi, LLC – Provider practice utilization and cost benchmarking and correlation of patient behavior with acute events and chronic conditions (DUA pending)
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Wrap Up & Meeting Adjournment

TO REQUEST APCD DATA

To request APCD data for research, policy development/evaluation, or decision-making related to health care services utilization, cost and quality, visit:

<https://portal.ct.gov/healthscorect/data-request>

or

<https://portal.ct.gov/ohs/health-systems-planning/foi/record-and-data-requests>