



All-Payer Claims Database Data Release Committee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
 May 14, 2024 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
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Attendance - Committee Members					
Patricia Checko, Chair	R	Lisa Douglas	X	Lisa Freeman	R
Michael Giralamo	R	Olga Armah	R	Michael Fields	R
Justin Peng	R	Kun Chen	X		

Supporting Leadership & Other Participants					
Sumit Sajnani, HITO	R	Elson Guo, OHS	R	Joel Bernanke, SHH	R
Amy Tibor, OHS	R	Chris Wyvill, OHS	R		
Paul Brady, OHS	R	Meredith Pyne, SHH	R		

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Agenda

	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome and Call to Order	Dr. Patricia Checko	1:02 pm
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the All-Payer Claims Database Data Release Committee (DRC) was held virtually on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Chair Checko called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Roll call was conducted and noted that a quorum was present.		
2.	Public Comment	Dr. Patricia Checko	1:04 pm
	There was no public comment.		
3.	Staff Update	Dr. Patricia Checko	1:05 pm
	Paul Brady was introduced as a new member of OHS as Lead Planning Analyst supporting the APCD program. Paul introduced himself. Chair Checko remarked that there is going to be an effort to reach out to potential users of APCD data.		
4.	Data Request Presentation Silver Hill Hospital (SHH)	Meredith Pyne & Joel Bernanke	1:07 pm
	<p>Chair Checko introduced SHH representatives to present their data request. Key highlights from Meredith Pyne and Joel Bernanke’s presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHH is a nationally leading psychiatric hospital located in New Cannan, CT • Meredith discussed the current mental health landscape and mental health parity laws on federal and state level. The idea is you should be able to get equivalent care for any mental health services in terms of reimbursement, coverage, access, network availability – as you would for any physical health condition. The basis of what SHH is trying to do is to show that there’s obstacles and complete failure of mental health parity currently in the market. There is a higher proportion of out-of-network care for BH vs medical/surgical, and reimbursement rate is lower. • Joel presented on the specific data being requested and methodology. The SHH research team aims to provide increased transparency of insurance coverage for mental health services and evaluate mental health parity by comparing reimbursement rates of select mental health services to comparable physical health service. Joel gave an overview of 4 categories of assessment: 1) Reimbursement, network adequacy, denial rates, out of pocket costs. <p>Members asked a variety of questions and a discussion took place regarding the data being requested versus what is available and able to be released, including carrier masked data. Lisa inquired if SHH will be able to prepare an output at the end of the research that can raise awareness and empower those in the community. Joel discussed a number of existing programs within SHH.</p>		

	An overview of SHH data security measures was provided. Chris Wyvill requested clarification on where the data will be stored and who will have access. SHH described its security functionality. Olga inquired about who will have access to the data. It was discussed that the official data request will be updated to include Meredith's name and the appropriate years of data being requested.		
5.	Action: Vote on Silver Hill Hospital	Olga Armah for Dr. Pat Checko	1:50 PM
	Due to technical difficulties, Olga chaired the remainder of the meeting on behalf of Chair Checko. Olga requested a motion to approve the data request without amendments, or to approve the data request with amendments. Mike Fields made a motion to approve the data request with amendments. Justin Peng seconded. The motion passed unanimously.		
6.	Action: Review and Approve February 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes	Olga Armah for Dr. Pat Checko	1:55 pm
	Olga Armah requested a motion to approve the APCD-DRC February 13, 2024, meeting minutes. Justin made the motion. Mike Fields seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.		
	DOJ Advisory Update	Olga Armah, OHS	2:00 pm
	Olga shared an update regarding a topic raised by Mike Fields in the January DRC meeting. The topic was a DOJ advisory that prompted OHS to research whether there could be implications to some of the data that is generally released. Based on information received from OHS-legal and the CT Attorney General's Office, and generally because of the state's rule to provide transparency, the state is exempt from the rule. Further, the fact that the data OHS releases is at least three months old means it is ok to continue to release the data.		
	APCD Updates	Olga Armah, OHS	2:05 pm
	Olga gave an update on the data and years available in the APCD, including the collection of denied and dental claims data.		
	Update on APCD Data Release Applications and Releases	Paul Brady, OHS	2:10 pm
	Paul gave an update on several data applications in queue.		
8.	Action: Meeting Adjournment	Olga Armah, OHS	2:15 pm
	Olga requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made (Freeman) and seconded (Fields). The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.		

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