



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

May 8, 2025

AGENDA

ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE ADVISORY GROUP – May 2025

| Topic | Presenter(s) |
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| Welcome & Call to Order | Olga Armah, Chair |
| Public Comment | Members of Public |
| Minutes Approval: February 12, 2025 | Chair & Committee Members |
| APCD Projects: Status Updates | Olga Armah, Chair |
| APCD Strategic Activities Update | Paul Brady, OHS |
| APCD Update: Data Available | Paul Brady, OHS |
| APCD Data Release Committee Report | Dr. Patricia Checko, DRC Chair |
| Health Information Technology (HIT) Update | Sumit Sajjani, HITO, OHS |
| Adjournment | Olga Armah, Chair |

Public Comment

(2 minutes per commenter)

Minutes Approval: February 13, 2025

Committee Members

APCD Projects: Status Update

Olga Armah, Chair



APCD Advisory Group

Member Inquiries

- Can OHS release Medicare Advantage data?
 - Medicare Advantage data received from carriers are NOT covered under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Medicare data DUA with OHS
- What role can Advisory Group play in the process for using Connie REL fields to hydrate APCD?
 - We are still in the legal review stage of determining use such data is permitted. Once we have confirmation that we could we would develop the process that we would bring to this group for feedback.



APCD PROJECTS: STATUS UPDATE

Completed Projects

- OnPoint Collective Impact [Behavioral Health Dashboard](#)
 - Explores BH diagnoses, use and cost of care, co-occurring conditions and social drivers.
 - Each dashboard provides data by time, planning region, age group and sex, and other variables such as inpatient admissions or payer type.
 - The dashboard was developed by Onpoint Health Data in collaboration with five states Connecticut, Maryland, Minnesota, Vermont and Washington and enables comparisons with five-state averages.

APCD PROJECTS: STATUS UPDATE

Projects in Flight

- Pharmacy Benefit Manager Study (completed and published)
- Cost and Market Impact Review for hospital consolidation (completed supported Nuvance/Northwell merger with conditions)
- Race, Ethnicity and Language (REL) Health Equity Dashboard
 - developing mockup – utilizing APCD, hospital discharge, ED utilization and DPH mortality and birth outcome, and social vulnerability index data
 - NCQA measures to be displayed at town and planning region/county level include chronic condition care management, access to care/utilization, access to preventive care & screenings
 - Outcomes include hospitalization, preventable hospitalization, avoidable ED use, mortality, infant mortality and low weight births, by race/ethnicity, age, gender, insurance type
- Exploring use of HIE data to fill APCD REL fields (awaiting legal review)

APCD Strategic Activities Update

Paul Brady, OHS




APCD STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

| CATEGORY | PROPOSAL | SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES | STATUS | 2024 –2025 Priority |
|--|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| DATA ENHANCEMENTS & UTILIZATION | Produce & publish data visualizations with APCD data (Track 2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select 3 use cases that align with OHS priorities from the original 13 proposed used cases based on cost, utilization and performance. | 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 underway |
| | Pursue ERISA plan involvement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convene virtual stakeholder listening sessions with ERISA plan sponsors | In process | ✓ |
| | Increase the use of APCD data by CT State agencies & external organizations that are conducting research with claims 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) | <p>Phase 1 Completed</p> <p>In process</p> <p>In process</p> <p>Completed</p> | <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> |

APCD STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

| CATEGORY | PROPOSAL | ACTIVITIES | STATUS | 2024-2025 Priority |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|--------------------|
| 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 | In process | |
| | 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 fulfilment 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 vacancies on the APCD Data Release Committee & Advisory Group (Track 1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fill 1 vacancy on Advisory Group (A representative of CT State Medical Society) Fill 2 vacancies on APCD Data Release Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicaid Director/designee, Attorney with experience in health care, data privacy or research matters | 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 APCD now receiving monthly submissions from six dental carriers as well as denied claims |  |
| <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) – Updated to include 2023 data Publish in 2024 – Published on updated website 2025 Market in 2024 – In progress |  |
| <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 National APCD Council outreach Conduct further stakeholder engagement (met with carriers Apr 2024, OHS Nov 2024 employer forum) Develop & publish process on website (socializing opt-in form) |  |

APCD Updates: Data Available

Paul Brady, OHS

Data Available

| Payer | Population | Claim Type | Years Available | |
|-------------------------------|--|---|-----------------|------------|
| | | | From | To |
| Commercial** | Fully Insured (individual, small and large group plans) | Eligibility/Enrollment Medical Claims Pharmacy Claims | 1/1/2012 | 12/31/2024 |
| Commercial** | Self-insured (individual, small and large group plans) including State Employees/Retirees Plan & Municipalities in State Partnership Plan, and some employer sponsored Plans | Eligibility/Enrollment Medical Claims Pharmacy Claims | 1/1/2012 | 12/31/2024 |
| Medicaid (HUSKY Health) | All Ages*** | Eligibility/Enrollment Medical Claims Pharmacy Claims | 1/1/2015 | 12/31/2024 |
| Medicare (Fee for Service) | Ages 65 and older, and under age 65 with certain disabilities/conditions | Eligibility/Enrollment Medical Claims | 1/1/2012 | 12/31/2022 |
| Medicare (Part D) | Drug Plan (Fee for service/Medicare Advantage) | Pharmacy Claims | 1/1/2012 | 12/31/2022 |
| Medicare (Medicare Advantage) | Health plans provided by a private companies contracted by Medicare. Most plans include Part D | Eligibility/Enrollment Medical Claims Pharmacy Claims | 1/1/2012 | 12/31/2024 |

**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

***HUSKY A - children, teens, parent, pregnant women, & relative caregivers. HUSKY B or Children's health insurance program (CHIP) for children and teens up to age 19. HUSKY C for adults 65 and older, and adults with disabilities. HUSKY D for low-income adults without dependent children.

APCD Data Release Committee Report

Dr. Patricia Checko, DRC Chair

APCD DATA RELEASE COMMITTEE REPORT

Data Requests

Approved by DRC, Data Use Agreement Pending

1. CT Children's Medical Center request for Community Benefit data
2. Middlesex Health request for Community Benefit data
3. University of Pennsylvania, Department of Healthcare Management request for pain management study

Action from Requestor pending:

1. Lightbox Health Inc

Health IT Technology Update

Sumit Sajnani, HITO

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>