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All Payer Claims Database Advisory Group
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2024 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | [Zoom Recording]

Attendance: Advisory Group Members*					
Olga Armah (Chair)	R	Patricia Checko	R	Bernie Inskeep	R
Paul Lombardo	R	François de Brantes (2:30)	R	Robert Barry, DAS	X
Robert Aseltine	X	Sandra Czunas	R	Michaela Dinan	X
Scott Gaul, OPM	R	Michael Girlamo, DHMAS	R	Cassandra Murphy	R
Sarah Carr, OHA	R	Robert Scalettar, MD	R	Gary Archambault, DPH	R
William Halsey, DSS	R	Mark Schaefer	X		
Supporting Leadership					
Sumit Sajnani, OHS	R	Elson Guo, OHS	R	Robert Viens Serna, Gina Robertson & Nathaniel Ferguson, Onpoint	R
Amy Tibor, OHS	R	Paul Brady, OHS	R		

Agenda			
	Topic	**Responsible Party**	**Time**
1.	**Welcome and Call to Order**	**Olga Armah, OHS**	**1:03 pm**
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the APCD Advisory Group was held virtually on Thursday, August 8, 2024. Olga welcomed members and called the meeting to order at approximately 1:03 p.m. Roll call determined quorum was present.		
2.	**Public Comment**	**Members of Public**	**1:06 pm**
	There were no public comments.		
3.	**Review and Approve Minutes: May 9, 2024 Regular Meeting**	**Olga Armah, OHS**	**1:07 pm**
	Olga requested a motion to approve the May 9, 2024 meeting minutes. A motion was made (Checko) and seconded (Girlamo). There was no discussion. Minutes were approved.		
4.	**APCD Projects – Status Update**	**Olga Armah, OHS**	**1:08 pm**
	Olga shared a status on current projects that are using APCD data, updates and illustrations were shared for the following projects: - APCD Data Quality & Completeness - APCD Snapshot - Statewide Facilities Plan - Cost Growth Benchmark Hearing - Cost Estimator Tool - Rand 5.0 - CT Healthcare Affordability Index - Studies: - Behavioral Health Parity - Hospital Community Benefit - Onpoint Collective Impact Behavioral Health Dashboard Olga's full presentation can be viewed here: [August 8, 2024 APCD Advisory Group Meeting Presentation]		

5.	**Health Information Technology Advisory Council Update**	**Sumit Sajnani, HITO**	**2:00 pm**
	The agenda was modified to allow for external presentations to occur before the HITAC update.		
6.	**Presentations by Onpoint Health Data**	**Onpoint Representatives**	**2:30 pm**
	Olga introduced Robert Viens Serna, Onpoint CT Account Manager. Robert introduced Gina Robertson who presented on non-claims data collection, and Nathaniel Ferguson who shared a public use file demo. Gina Robertson discussed the importance of collecting non-claims payments (NCP) data in healthcare for better measuring performance and value-based care. Gina presented the first-ever NCP standard data layout developed by the APCD Council, which consists of three file types: annual payments, pharmacy rebates, and capitation. Gina emphasized the need for a national standard for collecting non-claims data, aligning with a group of non-claims experts, and involving stakeholders in the process. Sumit explained why states would be interested in collecting non-claims data and proposed Connecticut statutory changes to align the APCD with current industry trends. Nathaniel Ferguson discussed the use of public use files (PUFs) in healthcare data analysis. He explained that PUFs are aggregated and redacted data files that allow wider accessibility to data without compromising individual privacy. Nathaniel highlighted the flexibility of creating PUFs based on specific areas of investigation and mentioned that Minnesota's PUFs are accompanied by associated dashboards for each downloadable file. Nathaniel demonstrated the use of a dashboard to analyze prescription drug data, emphasizing the insights it provides into healthcare trends. He also noted that the data only goes up to 2020 and pointed out that the Medicaid program in Minnesota was not prescribing many of the drugs analyzed. Scott Gaul expressed interest in seeing the PUF file structure to as a gauge to the information to be included and exploring other options. The full presentations can be viewed here: [August 8, 2024 APCD Advisory Group Meeting Presentation](#) At this time, Sumit shared an update on activities of the HITAC. The council received a presentation by RAND Corporation on its hospital transparency 5.0 study, and a presentation on a health equity dashboard OHS is developing with partner agencies. Sumit shared that work is ongoing on HIE regulations and policies and procedures. Sumit noted that HITAC has formed two subgroups to support this work and described the scope of each group.		
7.	**APCD Updates - Data Types and Years Available**	**Paul Brady, OHS**	**2:45 pm**
	Paul shared an update on data and years available in the APCD. Commercial and Medicaid data is now available through March 31, 2024. Paul announced that CMS has approved the DUA for Medicare data, OHS is currently working with the Comptroller's office to create a payment method accepted by CMS. Pat inquired about race, ethnicity and language (REL) reporting, noting it has been weak historically. Olga shared that implementation of REL data collection is new and OHS has only received one quarter so far. Pat indicated that a campaign is needed to educate on how critical REL data is. Olga stated this is part of strategic planning to improve data fields.		

9.	**APCD Data Release Committee (DRC) Report**	**Olga Armah, OHS**	**2:53 pm**
	Pat provided an update on activities of the DRC noting that the committee has approved three data requests from CT hospitals related to their hospital community benefit program. The DRC also approved an application in May, a DUA has been executed, and the data released. Two additional external inquiries are under internal review. DRC received an inquiry from a committee member about whether new DOJ antitrust safe harbor language would have implications on what data can be approved for release. OHS attorneys provided a legal opinion and shared that there is no impact on what date can be released.		
10.	**Wrap Up & Adjournment**	**Olga Armah, OHS**	**3:00 pm**
	Olga requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made (Czunas) and seconded (de Brantes). The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.		

*In accordance with current FOIA statutes re: meetings held by solely by electronic means: R = attended remotely, IP = attended in person

Upcoming Meeting: November 14, 2024

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