**Administrative Bulletin 16-12**

**957 CMR 5.00: Health Care Claims, Case Mix   
and Charge Data Release Procedures**

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The Center for Health Information and Analysis (“Center”) is issuing this Administrative Bulletin in accordance with 957 CMR 5.08(2) to provide notice of a change to the requirements for the release of Data under 957 CMR 5.06, *All Other Requests for Data*. Consistent with the Center’s practice of releasing APCD Data and Case Mix and Charge Data in Limited Data Sets, the Center is eliminating the requirement for Applicants to identify the specific Data elements requested and demonstrate a need for each Restricted Use Data element requested, pursuant to 957 CMR 5.06(2)(a) and (3). Instead, Applicants requesting Data under 957 CMR 5.06 will be required to identify and demonstrate a need for the Data set(s) requested and for those specific Data elements the Center deems necessary to protect individual privacy.