

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Center for Health Information & Analysis (CHIA)  
Non-Governmental Application for Case Mix Data**

*This form is to be used by all applicants, except Government Agencies, as defined in 957 CMR 5.02.*

**NOTE: In order for your application to be processed, you must submit the required application fee. Please consult the fee schedule for the appropriate fee amount. A remittance form with instructions for submitting the application fee is available on the CHIA [website](#).**

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

APPLICANT INFORMATION	
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Original Data Request Submission Date:	February 8, 2016; May 5, 2016
Dates Data Request Revised:	May 11, 2016
Project Objectives (240 character limit)	Market analysis, utilization studies and service forecasts to support strategic, service line, recruitment, operational and capacity planning for MaineHealth, a not-for-profit integrated healthcare delivery system located in Portland, Maine, and its operating entities.
Project Research Questions (if applicable)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify service needs and opportunities</li> <li>2. Support physician recruitment planning</li> <li>3. Determine MaineHealth's market position</li> </ol>

**II. PROJECT SUMMARY**

Briefly describe the purpose of your project and how you will use the requested CHIA data to accomplish your purpose.

MaineHealth analyzes inpatient utilization by area, market share, patient origin, providers, age cohorts, year, season, month, lengths of stay, service line, MDC, DRG, ICD disease and procedure codes.

**III. FILES REQUESTED**

Please indicate the databases from which you seek data, and the Level(s) and year(s) of data requested.

CASE MIX	Levels 1 – 6	Fiscal Years Requested
Inpatient Discharge	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 1 – No Identifiable Data Elements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 2 – Unique Physician Number (UPN)	

	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 – Unique Health Information Number (UHIN) <input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 – UHIN and UPN <input type="checkbox"/> Level 5 – Date(s) of Admission; Discharge; Significant Procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Level 6 – Date of Birth; Medical Record Number; Billing Number <b>PLEASE PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION BELOW FOR REQUESTING THE CHOSEN LEVEL:</b>  Market analysis, utilization studies and service forecasts to support strategic, service line, recruitment, operational and capacity planning for MaineHealth, a not-for-profit integrated healthcare delivery system located in Portland, Maine, and its operating entities rely on the detail in Level 2 data.	FY 2012 (currently only have 2012 through Q3), FY 2013, FY 2014
<b>Outpatient Observation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 1 – No Identifiable Data Elements <input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 – Unique Physician Number (UPN) <input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 – Unique Health Information Number (UHIN) <input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 – UHIN and UPN <input type="checkbox"/> Level 5 – Date(s) of Admission; Discharge; Significant Procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Level 6 – Date of Birth; Medical Record Number; Billing Number <b>PLEASE PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION BELOW FOR REQUESTING THE CHOSEN LEVEL:</b>  Market analysis, utilization studies and service forecasts to support strategic, service line, recruitment, operational and capacity planning for MaineHealth, a not-for-profit integrated healthcare delivery system located in Portland, Maine, and its operating entities rely on the detail in Level 2 data.	
<b>Emergency Department</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 1 – No Identifiable Data Elements <input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 – Unique Physician Number (UPN) <input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 – Unique Health Information Number (UHIN) <input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 – UHIN and UPN <input type="checkbox"/> Level 5 – Date(s) of Admission; Discharge; Significant Procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Level 6 – Date of Birth; Medical Record Number; Billing Number <b>PLEASE PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION BELOW FOR REQUESTING THE CHOSEN LEVEL:</b>  Market analysis, utilization studies and service forecasts to support strategic, service line, recruitment, operational and capacity planning for MaineHealth, a not-for-profit integrated healthcare delivery system located in Portland, Maine, and its operating entities rely on the detail in Level 2 data.	

**IV. FEE INFORMATION**

Please consult the fee schedules for Case Mix data, available at [http://chiamass.gov/regulations/#957\\_5](http://chiamass.gov/regulations/#957_5), and select from the following options:

- Single Use
- Limited Multiple Use
- Multiple Use

Are you requesting a fee waiver?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please submit a letter stating the basis for your request. Please refer to the fee schedule for qualifications for receiving a fee waiver. If you are requesting a waiver based on the financial hardship provision, please provide documentation of your financial situation. Please note that non-profit status alone isn't sufficient to qualify for a fee waiver.

**V. REQUESTS PURSUANT TO 957 CMR 5.04 (Researchers, Payers, Providers, and Provider Organizations)**

**Please complete only if you are requesting Level 1 (de-identified) Case Mix.**

Please describe how you will use such data for the purposes of lowering total medical expenses, coordinating care, benchmarking, quality analysis or other administrative research purposes.

Does not apply

**VI. ALL OTHER REQUESTS - PURPOSE AND INTENDED USE**

1. Please explain why completing your project is in the public interest.

Supports decisions regarding MaineHealth allocation of healthcare resources to serve populations within its service areas. Improves health status, care coordination, outcomes and access for residents of these service areas.

2. **Attach** a brief (1-2 pages) description of your research methodology. (This description will not be posted on the internet.) Please see attached.
3. Has your project received approval from your organization's Institutional Review Board (IRB)? Please note that CHIA will not review your application until IRB documentation has been received (if applicable).
  - Yes, and a copy of the approval letter is attached to this application.
  - No, the IRB will review the project on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - No, this project is not subject to IRB review.
  - No, my organization does not have an IRB.

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**VII. APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Describe your qualifications to perform the research described or accomplish the intended use of CHIA data.

MaineHealth/Maine Medical Center Planning Department has been performing the above-described services for MaineHealth since 1999. Before then the Department provided the same services for the Medical Center for decades. All users of the data within the Planning Department are cleared by MaineHealth/Maine Medical Center to use the data and are properly trained analysts.

2. Attach résumés or curricula vitae of the applicant/principal investigator, key contributors, and of all individuals who will have access to the data. (These attachments will not be posted on the internet.)

Please see attached.

**VIII. DATA LINKAGE AND FURTHER DATA ABSTRACTION**

*Note: Data linkage involves combining CHIA data with other databases to create one extensive database for analysis. Data linkage is typically used to link multiple events or characteristics that refer to a single person in CHIA data within one database.*

1. Do you intend to link or merge CHIA Data to other datasets?

- Yes
- No linkage or merger with any other database will occur

2. If yes, will the CHIA Data be linked or merged to other individual patient level data (e.g. disease registries, death data), individual provider level data (e.g., American Medical Association Physician Masterfile) , facility level (e.g., American Hospital Association data) or with aggregate data (e.g., Census data)? [check all that apply]

- Individual Patient Level Data

What is the purpose of the linkage:

What databases are involved, who owns the data and which specific data elements will be used for linkage:

- Individual Provider Level Data

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- Individual Facility Level Data

What is the purpose of the linkage:

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Aggregate Data

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3. If yes, for each proposed linkage above, please describe your method or selected algorithm (e.g., deterministic or probabilistic) for linking each dataset. If you intend to develop a unique algorithm, please describe how that algorithm will link each dataset.

4. If yes, please identify the specific steps you will take to prevent the identification of individual patients in the linked dataset.

5. If yes, and the data mentioned above is not in the public domain, please attach a letter of agreement or other appropriate documentation on restrictions of use from the data owner corroborating that they agree to have you initiate linkage of their data with CHIA data and include the data owner's website.

Does not apply.

**IX. PUBLICATION / DISSEMINATION / RE-RELEASE**

1. Describe your plans to publish or otherwise disclose CHIA Data, or any data derived or extracted from such data, in any paper, report, website, statistical tabulation, seminar, conference, or other setting.

Certificate of need applications become a matter of public record. Aggregated market share, patient origin and forecast reports in Certificate of Need applications would be available to the public through state agencies.

2. Will the results of your analysis be publicly available to any interested party? Please describe how an interested party will obtain your analysis and, if applicable, the amount of the fee.

Please see comment above related to CON applications being matters of public record. There is no direct access to analyses to the general public or interested parties.

3. Will you use the data for consulting purposes?

- Yes  
 No

4. Will you be selling standard report products using the data?

- Yes  
 No

5. Will you be selling a software product using the data?

- Yes  
 No

6. Will you be reselling the data?

- Yes  
 No

If yes, in what format will you be reselling the data (e.g., as a standalone product, incorporated with a software product, with a subscription, etc.)?

7. If you have answered “yes” to questions 3, 4 or 5, please describe the types of products, services or studies.

**X. USE OF AGENTS AND/OR CONTRACTORS**

Third-Party Vendors. Provide the following information for all agents and contractors who will work with the CHIA Data.

Company Name:	Does not apply
Contact Person:	
Title:	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
E-mail Address:	
Organization Website:	

8. Will the agent/contractor have access to the data at a location other than your location, your off-site server and/or your database?

- Yes  
 No

If yes, please provide information about the agent/contractor’s data management practices, policies and procedures in your Data Management Plan.

9. Describe the tasks and products assigned to this agent or contractor for this project.

Does not apply

10. Describe the qualifications of this agent or contractor to perform such tasks or deliver such products.

Does not apply

11. Describe your oversight and monitoring of the activity and actions of this agent or subcontractor.

Does not apply

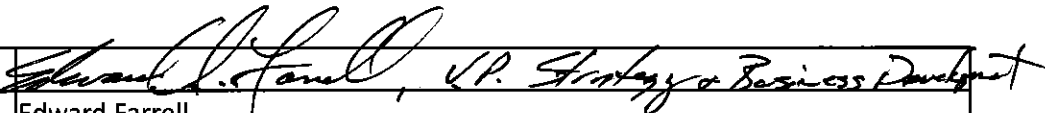
**XIII. ASSURANCES**

Applicants requesting and receiving data from CHIA pursuant to 957 CMR 5.00 (“Data Recipients”) will be provided with data following the execution of a data use agreement that requires the Data Recipient to adhere to processes and procedures aimed at preventing unauthorized access, disclosure or use of data.

Data Recipients are further subject to the requirements and restrictions contained in applicable state and federal laws protecting privacy and data security, and will be required to adopt and implement policies and practices to protect CHIA data in a manner consistent with the requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Data Recipients must promptly notify CHIA of any unauthorized use or disclosure of CHIA data.

By my signature below, I attest to: (1) the accuracy of the information provided herein; (2) my organization’s ability to meet CHIA’s minimum data security requirements; and (3) my authority to bind the organization seeking CHIA data for the purposes described herein.

Signature:	
Printed Name:	Edward Farrell
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