



APCD Analytical Workgroup

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Agenda for Today

- APCD Release 1.0
(“aka” the June Release)
- Release Regulations
- Future Topics

APCD Release 1.0

July 10, 2013!

Dates of Service 2009-2011 (with run-out through March 2013)

- Commercial
- MassHealth
- Medicare
(available to state agencies only)

APCD Release 1.0

New Features To Facilitate Use

- Claims files are organized and released based on Date of Service as opposed to Date of Submission.
- The Provider File (PV) and Product File (PR) have been aggregated across all years of service as opposed to files for each year.
- Some data elements that were previously identified as “No Release” are now considered Level 2 data elements
- Several data fields that had been “masked” are now “unmasked”
- Address and demographic data have been standardized
- More advanced cleaning logic was applied to more data elements
- User documentation – separate files

Release Regulations Effective July 19th

- One regulation applies to both Hospital Discharge Data (CaseMix) and the All Payer Claims Database data
- Different review processes for different types of requests
 - Limited Discretion: Most requests for de-identified data; all requests made by MA government agencies; requests for patient identifiers for treatment and coordination of care
 - Full Discretion: All other requests, e.g., research requests for data that may include individually identifiable data; DRC review; DUA

Source: Chapter 12C § 12

Release Regulations *(continued)*

Under Old Regulations

- APCD: “Public Use” and “Restricted Use” data elements
- APCD: No specific “de-identified” dataset, but many elements masked
- Case Mix: Six levels, none fully de-identified

Under New Regulations

- APCD: Level 1 extracts *(MC and PC only; based on CMS)*
- APCD: Level 2 data *(with PHI and largely unmasked)*
- CaseMix: Level 1 *(de-identified; to be specified)*
- CaseMix: Levels 2-6 *(similar to current structure)*

New Documents on Line

- Applications for Case Mix and APCD
 - Government Agency
 - Non Government Agency
- Data Extract Specification/Justification
 - Excel file
- Data Use Agreements (DUAs)
 - Government Agency
 - De-identified Data (“Level 1”) requests
 - Others
- Revised Fee Schedule
- APCD Release 1.0 Documentation

Looking Ahead

- Level 1 for Case Mix and APCD
- IRBNet – October 1st (tentative)
- Release 2.0 – December
 - 2012 dates of service with 6 months of run-out
 - Master Patient Index
 - Highest version/final version of claims

QUESTIONS?

Topics for August?

Please submit questions and topics

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Thank you for your interest in the
Massachusetts All Payer Claims Database