**Center for Health Information and Analysis**

**APCD User Workgroup Webinar**

**November 19, 2013**

**Agenda**

* Announcements
* Updates on Release 2.0
* IRBNet Frequently Asked Questions
* Common Application Issues
* SME Office Hours

**CHIA posted RFI on Comm-PASS: Massachusetts APCD Product Planning**

* **Purpose**: to engage researchers, health information technology firms/experts, health analytics consultants/firms, and others as CHIA plans for the APCD Enterprise Data Warehouse
* **Topics**: include a wide range of questions related to:
  + data validation, standardization and enhancement;
  + Master Physician Index and other Master Data Management issues;
  + benchmarking and “best practices” from other multi-payer databases;
  + data movement; and tool sets.

**CHIA posted RFI on Comm-PASS: Massachusetts APCD Product Planning**

* Responses were due by October 15th.
* 20 responses were received.
* Thank you for participating!

If you would like a copy of the product plan, please send an email to [CHIA-APCD@state.ma.us](mailto:CHIA-APCD@state.ma.us) and we will share it with you.

**Multi-payer data can be used by many stakeholders**

Health plans & Self-insured employers

* Control healthcare costs and eliminate waste
* Compare treatment outcomes
* Benchmark provider costs
* Improve care and quality
* Educate and engage with patients

Patients

* Compare prices
* Compare outcomes
* Decision support
* Referral management
* Advocacy

Hospitals & MD Practices

* Benchmark clinical performance
* Evaluate treatment options
* Cost benchmarks / price comparison
* Educate and engage with patients
* Inform growth strategies

Pharma / Biotech & Device / Diagnostic

* HEOR / Market access
* Patient adherence
* Treatment pathways
* Market sizing / market analytics

**APCD Release 2.0**

Scheduled to be available January 2014.

You may apply for 2012 APCD data now.

Features:

Dates of Service through 12/31/12, paid through 6/30/13

Highest version logic checks for large payers

(Release Version 2.0 with additional payer updates in 2.1)

Master Data Management / Master Patient Index

(Release Version 2.1 scheduled for end of 1st quarter 2014)

**What to Expect in 2014**

* Internal Enterprise data warehouse design will improve data management and delivery in CHIA
* Further administrative simplification
  + ACA Risk Adjustment
  + Group Insurance Commission
  + Health Policy Commission
  + Division of Insurance reporting
* Specs and business plan for provider portal
* First research publications based on MA APCD

**IRBNet: Frequently Asked Questions**

* How do I “affiliate” with CHIA?
* Where do I find the application documents available for download?

**Common Application Issues**

* Requests for **Level 3** data elements:
  + These are generally NOT AVAILABLE for release.
  + If you think one or more of these elements are critical to your project, please send an email to [apcd.data@state.ma.us](mailto:apcd.data@state.ma.us) providing your justification for needing Level 3 data.
* Common issues regarding **Physical Security**:
  + You may not store CHIA data in a residence/home office.
  + CHIA data may not be placed on portable media/storage devices (ex. Flash drives)

**SME Office Hours – Every meeting!**

* Our subject matter experts are available to answer your technical questions about APCD and Case Mix data.
* Please submit your questions in advance when possible.
  + Examples:
    - “How stale is the data we would get from the Dental file?”
    - “Are mental health and substance abuse claims contained within the APCD?
    - “Can you explain discharge dispositions as they relate to Case Mix data?”

**Questions?**

* General questions about the APCD:

([CHIA-APCD@state.ma.us](mailto:CHIA-APCD@state.ma.us))

* Questions related to APCD applications: ([apcd.data@state.ma.us](mailto:apcd.data@state.ma.us))
* Questions related to Casemix: ([casemix.data@state.ma.us](mailto:casemix.data@state.ma.us))