

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Center for Health Information & Analysis (CHIA)  
Non-Government MA APCD Request for 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 schedules for MA APCD data 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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Dates Data Request Revised:	
Project Objectives (240 character limit)	Our goal is to determine the frequency and clinical impact of out-of-hospital events after AMI or PCI, the burden of resources allocated to the management of these patients, and whether confounding factors such as medication use and compliance contribute to these future events.
Project Research Questions (if applicable) or Business Use Case(s):	The current proposal has 4 main aims:  1. Explore short- and long-term readmission rates, indications for readmission, and outcomes among patients in Massachusetts who have either been admitted for acute myocardial infarction (AMI) or have undergone percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI).  2. Determine the utilization of outpatient resources, such as non-invasive testing and cardiac rehabilitation services, for the ambulatory management of AMI and PCI patients.  3. Investigate whether medication compliance, including use of antiplatelet agents and statins, and use of high risk medications, such as oral anticoagulants, contribute to the risk of post-discharge events

following AMI or PCI.

4. Analyze whether inclusion of longitudinal patient data can improve risk models for the prediction of out-of-hospital events, including readmission and death, following hospitalization for either AMI or PCI.

## II. PROJECT SUMMARY

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

Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) is a frequent cause of disability<sup>1</sup> and a leading cause of death in the United States<sup>2</sup>. Primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) is the widely accepted treatment for patients presenting with AMI<sup>3</sup>, and with nearly 600,000 PCIs performed in 2010<sup>4</sup>, is the most commonly conducted cardiovascular procedure in the United States. For patients with AMI who have not undergone PCI, there is a higher risk of subsequent cardiovascular events and death<sup>5</sup>, as well as a larger burden of resource utilization<sup>6</sup>. In addition, between 7-10% of PCIs are associated with procedural complications, including recurrent ischemia<sup>7</sup> and bleeding<sup>8</sup>. The risk for ischemia and bleeding can persist for years following AMI or PCI and is associated with significant morbidity and mortality<sup>9,10</sup>. Yet most published literature exploring predictors of adverse outcomes associated with AMI or PCI have been limited to events occurring while in-hospital or shortly following discharge<sup>11,12</sup>. As such, there is a need to determine the frequency and clinical impact of out-of-hospital events after AMI or PCI, the burden of resources allocated to the management of these patients, and whether other confounding factors, including use of high-risk medications and compliance with medical therapies, contribute to the development of future events.

To accomplish the study aims, we propose to use the Massachusetts Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) and Case Mix Database, which will allow us to identify all patients who have either been hospitalized with an acute myocardial infarction or undergone a percutaneous coronary intervention in Massachusetts and provide us with the associated inpatient and longitudinal ambulatory claims data. The MA APCD includes data on coverage and services for the vast majority of Massachusetts residents with public or private insurance. It includes data from both health insurance carriers and third party administrators. From the APCD, we will specifically be requesting medical, prescription, member eligibility, and provider files between 2010 and 2014. The Case Mix Database contains an inpatient discharge database spanning the years 1998-2014, an outpatient observation database spanning the years 2002-2014, and an emergency department database spanning the years 2000-2014. We will be requesting those claims pertaining to patients with a hospitalization for AMI or PCI, with a focus on the years of 2010 through 2014 in order to link inpatient and outpatient claims data between the APCD and Case Mix Databases.

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**III. FILES REQUESTED**

Please indicate which MA APCD file(s) you are requesting, the year(s) of data requested, and your justification for requesting each file. Please refer to the MA APCD [Release 4.0 Documentation Guides](#) for details of the file contents.

MA ALL PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE FILES	Year(s) Of Data Requested Current Yrs. Available  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2010 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2011 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2012 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2013 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2014
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Medical Claims</b>	<p><b>Please provide justification for requesting Medical Claims file:</b></p> <p>The medical claims data will allow us to obtain diagnoses and treatment information, and determine the associated outcomes (mortality, readmission, cost, length of stay, etc.). The multiple years of data will allow us to evaluate individual outcomes for several years after experiencing an AMI or undergoing a PCI procedure, and to assess trends in treatments and outcomes over time.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Pharmacy Claims</b>	<p><b>Please provide justification for requesting Pharmacy Claims file:</b></p> <p>A key component of our research will be to investigate whether high-risk medication use and compliance contribute to the development of out-of-hospital events in patients who have experienced AMI or undergone PCI.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dental Claims</b>	<p><b>Please provide justification for requesting Dental Claims file:</b></p>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Member Eligibility</b>	<b>Please provide justification for requesting Member Eligibility file:</b> Our project aims to identify factors that influence patient outcomes after AMI or PCI. We will use the member eligibility data to identify gaps in health insurance coverage and investigate whether they influence compliance with cardiac medication use and access to follow-up care.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Provider</b> (encrypted NPI) Standard or <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Provider*</b> (unencrypted NPI)	<b>Please provide justification for requesting Provider file:</b> We will use provider data to assess variation and trends in outcomes, resource utilization, and treatment strategy among providers with regard to treating patients for AMI or utilizing PCI.  <b>*Please provide justification for requesting unencrypted NPI (if requested). Refer to specifics in your methodology:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Product</b>	<b>Please provide justification for requesting Product file:</b>

**IV. GEOGRAPHIC DETAIL**

Please choose one of the following geographic options for MA residents:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Digit Zip Code (MA)	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Digit Zip Code (MA)
<b>***Please provide justification for requesting 5 digit zip code. Refer to specifics in your methodology:</b>	

**V. DATE DETAIL**

Please choose one option from the following options for dates:

<input type="checkbox"/> Year (YYYY) (Standard)	<input type="checkbox"/> Month (YYYYMM) ***	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Day (YYYYMMDD) *** <a href="#">[for selected data elements only]</a>
<b>*** If requested, please provide justification for requesting Month or Day. Refer to specifics in your methodology:</b>		
It is important to see specific dates for patient claims in order to determine outcomes such as length of time to readmission after an interventional procedure.		

**VI. FEE INFORMATION**

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

**APCD Applicants Only**

- Academic Researcher
- Others (Single Use)
- Others (Multiple Use)

Are you requesting a fee waiver?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please refer to the [Application Fee Remittance Form](#) and submit a letter stating the basis for your request (if required). 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.

**VII. MEDICAID DATA [APCD Only]**

Please indicate here whether you are seeking Medicaid Data:

- Yes
- No

Federal law (42 USC 1396a(a)7) restricts the use of individually identifiable data of Medicaid recipients to uses that are directly connected with the administration of the Medicaid program. If you are requesting Medicaid data from Level 2 or above, please describe in detail why your use of the data meets this requirement. Applications requesting Medicaid data will be forwarded to MassHealth for a determination as to whether the proposed use of the data is directly connected to the administration of the Medicaid program. MassHealth may impose additional requirements on applicants for Medicaid data as necessary to ensure compliance with federal laws and regulations regarding Medicaid.

**VIII. PURPOSE AND INTENDED USE**

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

Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) is a frequent cause of disability and a leading cause of death in the United States. Primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) is the widely accepted treatment for patients presenting with AMI, and with nearly 600,000 PCIs performed in 2010, is the most commonly conducted cardiovascular procedure in the United States. For patients with AMI who have not undergone PCI, there is a higher risk of subsequent cardiovascular events and death, as well as a larger burden of resource utilization. In addition, between 7-10% of PCIs are associated with procedural complications, including recurrent ischemia and bleeding. The risk for ischemia and bleeding can persist for years following AMI or PCI and is associated with significant morbidity and mortality. The results of the proposed research will be intended for publication

in academic medical journals, and will be used to improve scientific understanding of factors which influence outcomes for patients presenting with AMI or undergoing PCI.

2. **Attach** a brief (1-2 pages) description of your research methodology. (This description will not be posted on the internet.)
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.

#### IX. APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

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

Dr. Robert Yeh is the Director of the Richard and Susan Smith Center for Outcomes Research in Cardiology at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. His area of investigation focuses on evaluating cardiovascular devices and therapies in both clinical trials and observational studies, with an emphasis on understanding methods to improve the value of novel technologies as they are used in clinical practice. He serves as the Medical Director of Trial Design for the Harvard Clinical Research Institute. His clinical area of expertise is in interventional cardiology, with an emphasis in coronary chronic total occlusion intervention.

Dr. Eric Secemsky, MD, MSc is a cardiologist and research fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital and the Smith Center for Outcomes Research in Cardiology. Dr. Secemsky holds an MS in Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health. His interest is in comparative effectiveness research of therapies related to percutaneous coronary interventions, including use of peri-procedural and long-term anticoagulants. In addition, has served as the Assistant Director of Trial Design at the Harvard Clinical Research Institute since 2014, where he has been involved in the design and analysis of both large and small-scale clinical trials. Dr. Secemsky has been published widely in top-tier journals and presented his original investigations nationally.

Yun Wang, PhD, is a statistician at the Smith Center for Outcomes Research and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Dr. Wang has over 20 years of experience in analyzing Medicare claims data, having been the principal statistician involved with the creation of the Medicare 30-day mortality and readmissions metrics.

Dr. Daniel Kramer is a cardiologist and researcher at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and the Smith Center for Outcomes Research in Cardiology. His research focuses on cardiovascular outcomes and health services, specifically investigating policy, performance, and ethical questions surrounding medical devices.

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.)

**X. 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

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 Facility 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:

Aggregate 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:

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 it 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.



**XI. 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.

The results of the proposed research will be intended for publication in academic medical journals, and will be used to improve scientific understanding of factors which influence outcomes for AMI and PCI patients.

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.

Our findings will be only disseminated through peer-reviewed journals and national conferences.

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.

**XII. 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:	
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.

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


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

**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, as detailed in the DUA and the applicant’s CHIA-approved Data Management Plan.

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 procedures designed to protect CHIA data in a manner consistent with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

**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:	
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