APCD Analytical Workgroup  
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**Objectives of the APCD User Webinar**

* Provide a forum where you can learn about APCD updates and ask questions
  + APCD Application Process
  + APCD Data Fulfillment
  + Data Definitions, Compliance and Availability
  + Tools and Methodologies
  + Share questions and answers that come into CHIA with a broader audience
* Solicit input for improvements to the APCD

**Agenda for Today**

* APCD DRC Application Updates
* APCD User Group Meeting
* New Statutory Landscape
* APCD Revised Fee Schedule

**DRC Applications Recommended for Approval by DRC since last Webinar**

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| **Organization** | **Topics** |
| Harvard University School of Public Health | Understanding High Cost Patients in Massachusetts (Jha) |
| Analysis of the APCD to Describe the Epidemiology of Readmissions (Epstein and Boutwell) |

**Commercial APCD Applications in Process**

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| **Organization** | **Topics** |
| Kryuus\* | Provider Expertise and Behavior |
| Philips Research | Healthcare Risk Analysis |
| Qmedrix | Comparisons of Provider Changes, Costs and Reimbursement |
| Healthy Platforms | Predictive Analytical Models and Public Claims Data |

\* Posted on CHIA website

**First APCD User Group Meeting Participants**

* The first User Group Meeting was held on April 25, 2013.
* Participants:

- UMMS Center for Health Policy and Research

- MDPH Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

- MDPH Bureau of Statistics and Evaluation

- MDPH Bureau of Infectious Disease

- MDPH Birth Defects Surveillance Program

* Details of the substance of the discussions will be shared at the May Webinar

**New Statutory Landscape**

New Regulations under Development

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| **Timeline** | **Activity** |
| May 10, 2013 | Proposed regulation filed with the Secretary of State |
| June | Public Hearing to be scheduled |
| Early July | Final Regulation adopted/in effect |
| July 25, 2013 | Next DRC meeting *(No DRC Meetings in May or June)* |

Proposed regulations will be posted on the CHIA website. Participants are encouraged to submit comments.

**Expected Availability of Data**

June 2013 Release

* 2009 – 2011 dates of service (with run-out)
* MassHealth
* Medicare

December 2013 Release

* 2009-2012 dates of service (with run-out)
* Private and public payers
* Master Member Index

**APCD Fee Schedule**

CHIA issued Administrative Bulletin 13-03 which amends the current fee schedule governing APCD data and related application fees. The Center has proposed these changes to:

* + Address concerns raised by researchers, providers, and payers in the testimony and comments provided in connection with the public hearing held November 19, 2012
  + Reflect the Center’s experience with the APCD data application process
* The proposed fees are effective for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014
* The public comment period is open until May 17, 2013 relative to the proposal of a fee schedule established pursuant to regulation

**APCD Fee Schedule *(continued)***

* Applicants are now categorized into three groups:

- Academic researchers

- Others – single use

- Others – multiple use

* Eliminates categories

**-** Individuals

- Small organizations

* Eliminates separate fees for out of state applicants
* Provides free access to payers seeking access to their own data
* Expands the criteria for waivers and details waiver process

**APCD Fee Schedule** *(Continued)*

**Fee Schedule Waivers**

Applicants may qualify for a full or partial fee waiver which shall be granted at the Center’s discretion. Such applicants include:

- Student directed research;

- Payers who submit data to the APCD that are requesting their own data;

- Government entities;

- Qualified researchers conducting studies directly tied to evaluation or improvement of current State government initiatives;

- Researchers who can demonstrate that the imposition of fees would constitute an undue financial hardship.

**APCD Fee Schedule** *(Continued)*

* The application fee must be remitted with the applicant’s APCD application
* If the application is approved, the applicant must remit the established data fee prior to the release of the requested data
* All fees are for one extract
* Additional years of data with the same extract specs are discounted 50%
* State agencies will not be assessed fees (Chapter 224)

**APCD Fee Schedule** *(continued)*

The Proposed fees are based upon four factors:

1. The type of applicant requesting the data;
2. The type and number of data files requested;
3. The data elements requested; and
4. The number of years of data requested.

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| **Application Fee  (Public Use Elements Only)** | **$100** |
| **Application Fee (Restricted Elements)** | $300 |

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| **Support/Production** | **$140 per hour** |

**APCD Fee Schedule *(Continued)***

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| **Data Fees Effective July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014** | | | |
| **Requests for (Level I) Public Use Elements** | | | |
| **File** | Academic Researchers | Others – Single Use | Others –  Multiple Use |
| **Membership** | $1,000 | $3,000 | $20,000 |
| **Medical Claims** | $1,000 | $3,000 | $20,000 |
| **Pharmacy Claims** | $1,000 | $3,000 | $20,000 |
| **Dental Claims** | $500 | $1,500 | $10,000 |
| **Provider** | $1,000 | $3,000 | $20,000 |
| **Product** | $1,000 | $3,000 | $20,000 |

**APCD Fee Schedule *(Continued)***

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| **Data Fees Effective July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014** | | | |
| **Requests for (Level II) Restricted Elements** | | | |
| **File** | Academic Researchers | Others – Single Use | Others –  Multiple Use |
| **Membership** | $2,500 | $7,500 | $37,500 |
| **Medical Claims** | $2,500 | $7,500 | $37,500 |
| **Pharmacy Claims** | $2,500 | $7,500 | $37,500 |
| **Dental Claims** | $1,000 | $3,000 | $15,000 |
| **Provider** | $2,500 | $7,500 | $37,500 |
| **Product** | $2,500 | $7,500 | $37,500 |

**May Webinar**

* Summary of proposed data release regulations
  + Scheduled effective date: July 1, 2013
  + Applicable to Case Mix and APCD
  + Implications for application and data use agreements

**QUESTIONS?**

**Other Topics for May?**

*Please submit questions and topics*

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