



# 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

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

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 <i>(No DRC Meetings in May or June)</i>

**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.

Application Fee (Public Use Elements Only)	\$100
Application Fee (Restricted Elements)	\$300
Support/Production	\$140 per hour

# APCD Fee Schedule *(Continued)*

## 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
<b>Membership</b>	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$20,000
<b>Medical Claims</b>	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$20,000
<b>Pharmacy Claims</b>	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$20,000
<b>Dental Claims</b>	\$500	\$1,500	\$10,000
<b>Provider</b>	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$20,000
<b>Product</b>	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$20,000

# APCD Fee Schedule *(Continued)*

## 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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