
Organization Information

Organization Name

Select "Other" if your organization is not listed.

Boston Children's Hospital

Project Information

Project Title

Behavioral Health Payment Parity Analysis

Primary Investigator - Name

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Primary Investigator - Title

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Project Details

Please provide a detailed description of each of the following project components.

Describe your Project's purpose and the specific need for CHIA Data.

Non-government applicants: You must include your methodology or attach your methodology as a separate document.

In 2022, Massachusetts enacted a behavioral health payment parity law which requires insurers to “establish a base fee schedule for evaluation and management services for behavioral health providers that is not less than the base fee schedule used for evaluation and management services for primary care providers of the same or similar licensure type and in the same geographic region.” This project will explore whether commercial payers reimburse Massachusetts providers at similar levels for behavioral health and medical services. The analysis requires CHIA data to compare actual payments for services to treat a primary behavioral health diagnosis to payments for the same service when a medical diagnosis is treated.

Describe your Project's intended outputs (e.g., internal or external reports, publications, or other products).

The intended outputs for this project are an internal and external report. The internal report will be shared within Boston Children’s Hospital and the external report may be shared with state legislators. Any report shared internally or externally will adhere to cell size suppression requirements.

Do you intend to use generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) for this Project or expose CHIA Data to generative AI?

No

Data

What type of Data are you requesting?

Case Mix and APCD

Are you requesting an APCD Identifiable Limited Data Set (LDS) or APCD Statistically De-identified Data?

Statistically De-identified APCD Data is available in addition to the APCD Identifiable Limited Data Set (LDS). Requesting Statistically De-identified Data will likely result in an expedited review process and requires fewer prerequisite conditions than requesting a Limited Data Set. [Learn more about Statistically De-identified Data](#).

LDS

Specify the years of APCD Data you are requesting.

CHIA is supporting requests for APCD Data from 2020-2024. Do not request Data from years that are not included within the available scope. Requests made outside those years will not be fulfilled.

2020-2024

Are you requesting Medicaid Data?

Requests for Medicaid Data will require additional review by MassHealth, the Medicaid plan for Massachusetts. MassHealth must approve the request before CHIA can provide Medicaid Data. All applicants requesting Medicaid Data must review the terms of the [Medicaid Addendum to the Data Use Agreement](#), which contains the terms and conditions upon receiving Medicaid Data.

No; I am not requesting Medicaid Data

Are you requesting Case Mix HIPAA Safe Harbor-compliant De-identified Data or a Limited Data Set (LDS)?

LDS

Specify the years of Case Mix Data you are requesting.

CHIA is supporting requests for Case Mix Data from 2004-2025. Do not request Data from years that are not included within the available scope. Requests made outside those years will not be fulfilled.

2020-2024

Select the APCD files you are requesting.

Medical Claims

Provider

Product

Member Eligibility

Benefits Plan Control

Select the Case Mix files you are requesting.

Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data

Data Linkages

Non-government entities typically are not permitted to link CHIA Data to another source at the individual patient level. If an applicant wishes to link CHIA Data to another source at the individual patient level, CHIA may, in its sole discretion, perform custom linkage work for the applicant. In doing so, CHIA may also charge linkage service fees. Data linkage work performed by CHIA will substantially increase the time it will take for applicants to receive the requested Data.

Will CHIA Data be linked to or merged with another data source?

No

Publication / Dissemination / Re-Release

Any and all publication of CHIA Data must comply with CHIA's cell size suppression policy, as set forth in the Data Use Agreement. Additionally, as detailed in the Data Use Agreement, CHIA must be provided with an advance copy of any publication or report derived from CHIA Data.

Do you intend to disseminate the results of your analysis publicly?

No

Do you intend to disseminate the results of your analysis internally within your Organization?

Yes

How do you intend to disseminate the results of your analysis (e.g. internal presentations, papers, reports, etc.)?

The results of the analysis will be shared with Hospital and Behavioral Health leadership as well as the BCH Government Relations team, to help inform and guide future policy discussions. Results may also be shared

externally with State legislators to support potential clinical and payment reforms in the behavioral health sector. Any report shared internally or externally will adhere to cell size suppression requirements.

Do you intend to use CHIA Data as an input to develop or sell a product (e.g. severity index tool, risk adjustment tool, reference tool, etc.)?

No

Do you intend to resell CHIA Data?

No
