

**Virginia All Payer Claims Database (APCD)
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

November 6, 2020

Virtual Meeting using Gotomeeting

Members Present:: Bernie Inskeep, Charles Frazier, MD, John Coughlin, Al Hinkle, Sheryl Turney, Marcia Yeskoo, Jonathan DeShazo, Beth Bortz, Doug Gray, David Vaamonde, Emily Elliott, James Harrison, Paul Dreyer, Ellen Montz, Jill Parcell, Martha Willets, TJ Smith and Eric Lowe

Others Present:: Michael Lundberg - Virginia Health Information (VHI), Kyle Russell - Virginia Health Information, Nicole Sidrak - Virginia Health Information, Jillian Capucio – Virginia Health Information, Rendha Maharosa – Virginia Health Information, Brittany Bunn, Virginia Health Information, Matthew Cobb – Williams Mullen, Christina Barrille – Virginia Pharmacists Association, Josh Humphries – Virginia Association of Health Plans, Terri Lynn Palmer – Delaware Health Information Network

Call to order at 10:00 a.m.

Bernie Inskeep, APCD Advisory Committee Chair, welcomed the members and guests of the All Payer Claims Database (APCD) Advisory Committee (hereafter “the Committee”).

Bernie introduced two new Committee Members: Self-Insured Employer Representative Martha Willets with Carmax and Nursing Home Representative Jill Parcell with American Healthcare LLC.

After self-introductions, Bernie opened the meeting by thanking members for their participation.

Bernie then presented the minutes of the August 7, 2020, Committee meeting. The motion to accept the Minutes of the prior meeting was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Michael Lundberg, VHI Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on State and Federal Legislation.

- CMS OPPS Price Transparency Rule
Requires hospitals to publish charges and payer specific negotiated charges for at least 300 shoppable services beginning January 2021. VHI approached the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA) with a proposal to convene a taskforce of Virginia health systems to develop standards in the development and reporting of this information and will revisit the topic at the end of the year to consider potential collaboration in the future.
- Virginia Health Information Needs (HIN) Workgroup

The HIN Workgroup was originally established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2012 to identify opportunities to “maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of our health information systems in the Commonwealth”. A report from this group is required to be filed with the State Health Commissioner to present to the Governor and General Assembly each year. This workgroup was reformed for virtual meetings this fall. In two meetings held in October and November members reviewed existing VHI-administered programs as well as those from the Department of Health Professions, Virginia Department of Health and SCC Health Benefits Exchange. Recommendations for enhancement and expansion of several programs are pending and will be in the final report.

Dr. Frazier presented a report from the APCD Data Use Committee:

Since the last full APCD Advisory Committee meeting the data release committee has met twice and reviewed 8 requests from multiple universities, non profits, healthcare providers and a local news station

Approved uses of the data have included:

- Analyzing the proper setting of care in Eastern Virginia for historical surgery and ED visits
- Studying claims history trends for young patients treated for stroke in conjunction with the American Heart Association
- Comparing telehealth utilization rates across Virginia pre and post Covid
- Calculating the average cost for maternal ultrasounds in central Virginia
- Assessing the rate of physician visits that occur for Virginia residents outside state lines
- Studying the impact of Virginia's market structure on healthcare cost and utilization for individual commercial and Medicaid coverage

Terri Lynn Palmer, MPA, PMP, Director of Data Analytics for the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN), gave a report on the Delaware APCD.

- The purpose of Delaware’s Health Care Claims Database is to facilitate data-driven, evidence-based improvements in access, quality and cost of healthcare and to promote and improve the public health through increased transparency of accurate claims data and information.
- The goals are to:
 - Provide meaningful data to advance triple aim of improved health, healthcare and lower costs
 - Promote population health research and analysis (e.g. disease prevalence)
 - Promote value-based and alternative payment arrangements
 - Support provider risk-sharing arrangements
- The HCCD, Delaware’s APCD, is a large-scale database that systematically collects healthcare claims (medical and pharmacy), member enrollment and provider data from payers for Delaware residents. It was authorized in July 2018 per SB 238 for DHIN to develop and operate the HCCD.

- Veterans Affairs, Indian Health Service, TriCare, Department of Corrections, Workers Compensation, Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan, Uninsured or Private Pay 7%, Small Private Insurers, Self-funded plans that are not publicly-funded 30% and Survey Data are not part of the HCCD.
- The process includes application and agreements, requirements collaboration, building and quality assurance, delivering the data package, value confirmation and project closure.
- DHIN serves providers and consumers of care through innovative solutions that make health data useful. CDC Environmental Impact studies, State Employee Benefits Committee, DE Health Care Commission, Division of Public Health and the Special Council for Persons with Disabilities have all benefitted with the data.
- Ms. Palmer shared the Analytic Services 3-Year plan for FY21, 22 and 23.

Kyle Russell, VHI Director of Strategy and Analytics, updated the Committee on APCD Operations:

- Common Data Layout Implementation
- Smarter Care Virginia
- Analysis of social determinants of health within the Virginia Center for Health Innovation's Health Value Dashboard
- Commercially Reasonable Payments Data
 - VHI tasked by legislation with developing data set in partnership with the Bureau of Insurance (BOI); data to be used as part of arbitration process for out of network payment disputes; data developed under guidance of multi-stakeholder workgroup; finalized 2019 data set provided to the BOI on October 15, 2020.
- Medicaid Payment Policy and Care Coordination Workgroup
 - Data from the Virginia APCD provided Emergency Department (ED) utilization in the Commercial Market at initial meeting.
 - VHI will be providing ongoing data as needed from multiple statewide collection programs.

Kyle address the status of the remaining APCD Advisory Committee vacancies. Per the Advisory Committee Composition list of required committee representatives, the positions to be filled are a community mental health center who has experience in behavioral health data collection and a representative who is not a supplier or broker of health insurance from large employers that purchase health insurance for employees.

Bernie presented the proposed 2021 APCD Advisory Committee meeting schedule for approval. The motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved. All meetings to be held quarterly on the first Friday of the month at 10am and will be conducted virtually until further notice.

The meeting dates are:

- February 5, 2021
- May 7, 2021
- August 6, 2021

- November 5, 2021

Bernie yielded for public comment. With no public comment submitted, Bernie adjourned the body at approximately 1130 a.m.