

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS)
Hearing on Claims-based Databases for Policy Development and Evaluation
----- Overview and Emerging Issues-----

Capital Hilton Hotel
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Hearing Purposes, Objectives

The purpose of this hearing is to highlight the current state of development, challenges, issues and opportunities faced by Claim-based Databases, including state-based All-Payer Claim Database (APCD) initiatives and private-sector multi-payer claim-based database efforts, with the following priorities:

- Engage stakeholders on key issues related to claims-based databases
- Identify priority areas and opportunities for recommendations to the Secretary of HHS and the industry

The objectives of this hearing are to understand:

Public Reporting and Policy Issues:

- Current status of Claim-based Databases, including APCDs, what's driving their development, and common challenges states/agencies must address.
- Public benefits and concerns for consumers, policy makers, researchers and population health programs.
- Business model benefits and concerns for providers, payers and state/federal programs.
- Review the technical challenges to Claim-based Database (including APCD) reporting inhibiting value.
- Role of Claim-based Databases, including APCDs in a reformed health care system: ACOs, PCMHs, MIPS, and Alternative Payment Models

Claim-based Database Standards Issues and Opportunities:

- Review current formats in use and future opportunities to standardize reporting formats across states (X12, NCPDP, others).
- Identify benefits, efficiencies and barriers, to the adoption of a common Claim-based Databases and APCD reporting standard.
- Identify emerging reporting needs to support healthcare transformation and payment reform (e.g., capturing non-claims transactions, data linkage, etc.).
- Outline a roadmap for achieving standardization and how NCVHS may engage in a supportive role.

Federal-State Issues Panel

- Identify federal roles and opportunities to advance, improve claim-based databases and APCD developments in states.

Tentative Agenda

*Unless otherwise specified, each testifier will have 5-15 minutes to present key points followed by public comment Committee Q & A at the end of each Session
Written testimony is requested to supplement oral testimony*

Written testimony is welcome from any other individual or organization

8:00 – 8:15 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

8:15 – 8:30 a.m. Opportunities and Challenges related to Claims-based Databases Walter Suarez, MD, NCVHS Chair
Denise Love

PART 1: POLICY AND REPORTING ISSUES

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. **Panel 1A—Value, Purpose, Structure, Public Reporting and Policy Consideration**

- State Representatives Deb Schiel, *MA CHIA*
Ana English, *CO CIVHC*
- Health Care Cost Institute Eric Barrette
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield Association Joel Slackman

Committee Q&A

9:30 - 10:45 a.m. **Panel 1B—Data Suppliers, Users – Policy Consideration**

- State Representatives Ben Steffen, *MD MHCC*
Karynlee Harrington, *ME MHDO*
- Health Plan Representatives Bernie Inskeep, *United Healthcare*
Leanne Gassaway, *AHIP*
- Health Care Cost Institute Eric Barrette
- Employer Representative Kristy Thornton, *Pacific Business Group on Health*
Jessica Brooks, *Pittsburg Business Group on Health*
- Hospital Representative Melinda Reid-Hatton (**invited**)
- Provider Representative TBD
- ACOs Representative Allison Brennan (**invited**)
Sheryl Turney, *Anthem*

Committee Q&A

10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Break

PART 2: FEDERAL-STATE ISSUES

11:00 - 12:30 p.m. **Panel 2—Federal Panel**

- Medicaid / State Nathan Moracco, *MN (invited)*
- Medicaid/National Jessica Kahn, *CMS*
- State: NGA, NCSL, NAIC Tyler Brannen, *NH Insurance Dept.*

- ONC Patricia Mactaggart
- State Representatives Deb Schiel, *MA CHIA*
Michael Lundberg, *VA Health Information*

Committee Q&A

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. LUNCH

Part 3: STANDARDS: BACKGROUND, EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

1:30 - 2:45 p.m. **Panel 3- Overview of Reporting Standards and Previous Standards Efforts**

- APCD Council Josephine Porter
- Health Plan Representatives Sheryl Turney, *Anthem*
Bernie Inskeep, *United Healthcare*

Committee Q&A

2:45 - 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 - 3:45 p.m. **Next Steps for Claim-based Database and APCDs** NCVHS Chair

- Facilitated discussion with Committee Members and Testifiers
- Focus on key messages on current state, challenges, opportunities
- Cover also the role of Claims-based Databases, including APCDs in a reformed health system (ACOs, PCMHs, MIPS, Alternative Payment Models)
- Possible areas for recommendations
 - To HHS
 - To Industry

3:45 - 4:00 p.m. Public Comment

4:00 p.m. Adjournment

QUESTIONS FOR PANELISTS

Overall, we would like testifiers to consider the following factors that NCVHS might use in evaluating Claims-based Databases (including APCD) standards, code sets, identifiers and opportunities for standardization:

PART 1: POLICY AND REPORTING ISSUES

- Examples of benefits and value of Claims-based Databases, including APCDs in improving health, quality, access, lowering costs
- Benefits to state, public health, employers, payers, hospitals and providers, consumers
- Most significant issues in implementing Claims-based Databases and APCDs, including limited populations included; differences between fee-for-service and capitated; lack of identifiers; limitations of claims-based data; differences across states
- How are Claims-based Databases and APCDs supported; business and sustainability model
- What are the technical challenges to Claims-based Databases and APCD reporting that inhibits their value
- What is the role of Claims-based Databases including APCDs in a reformed health care system: ACOs, PCMHs, MIPS, and Alternative Payment Models

PART 2: FEDERAL-STATE ISSUES

- Benefits, challenges, role of Claims-based Databases, including APCDs for Medicare; Status and challenges of sharing Medicare data with Claims-based Databases, including APCDs;
- Benefits, challenges, roles, uses of Claims-based Databases, including APCDs for Medicaid Agencies; Status of sharing Medicaid data with Claims-based Databases, including APCDs
- Legislative issues with Claims-based Databases, including APCDs, including lack of consistency across state laws, requirements, data collection standards, reporting
- ERISA considerations regarding Claims-based Databases and APCDs; opportunities and challenges moving forward
- SAMHSA / 42 CFR Part 2 issues and Claims-based Databases, including APCDs
- OPM and Claims-based Database efforts

PART 3: STANDARDS – EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

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