

All Payer Claims Database Data Release Committee Special Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
Mar. 16, 2018	9:00 – 10:00 AM	WEBINAR

Committee Members					
Patricia Checko, Ph.D., Chair	X	Sheryl Turney, MS	X	Kun Chen, Ph.D.	X
Robert Blundo	X	Kristen McClain, JD/MBA	X	Lisa Freeman	X
Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Ph.D.		Henry Jacobs, MD/JD	X	Michael Fields	X
Justin Peng, MPH	X	Anthony Dias, MBBS, DPM, MPH	X		
Supporting Leadership					
Kelsey Lawlor, OHS	X				

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	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome & Call to Order	Dr. Patricia Checko	9:00 AM
	Robert Blundo updated the committee on APCD activities while Chair Patricia Checko connected to the webinar. He provided an update on Medicare and Medicaid data collection, and indicated a need to restructure the data release process once those data were fully incorporated. Patricia Checko rejoined the webinar and called the meeting to order.		
2.	Public Comment	Attendees	9:05 AM
	There was no public comment.		
3.	Review and Approval of the February 23, 2018 Minutes	Committee Members	9:10 AM
	Patricia Checko asked for a motion to approve the February 23, 2018 meeting minutes. Committee member Sheryl Turney moved to approve the minutes. Kristin McClain seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously with no additions or abstentions.		
4.	Application Review and Discussion: UConn Health	Sara Wakai	9:15 AM
	<p>Patricia Checko introduced Sara Wakai, Assistant Director of Public Health Research at the UConn Health Center for Public Health and Health Policy. Sara submitted an application for use of data from the CT APCD to study healthcare utilization of diabetes patients in Connecticut.</p> <p>Sara further explained that her team has been working with the Department of Public Health 1305 – state grant from CDC to look at chronic disease, diabetes in particular. Wanted to dive deeper into DSME impact on healthcare cost and utilization.</p> <p>Rob Blundo stated that the APCD has previously released data to UConn Health, and asked Sara to elaborate about how much of the infrastructure from the previously approved UConn Health application would be utilized. Laurel Buchanan, a member of Sara’s research team, answered that they will be using the same servers and security standards, and will keep the data in folders that are restricted by team.</p> <p>Pat Checko asked if the findings of this project would serve as the mechanism for DPH to measure progress on this diabetes indicator for the state. Sara responded that she would imagine so, however as it stands, they are not linking this APCD data to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).</p> <p>Pat then asked if this DSME is considered required offered services under the ACA. Sara responded that she doesn’t believe that it is covered by all insurers, which is also part of the reason why they want to pursue this research and demonstrate its value. Pat followed up by asking that, if this is in fact not a required service, how confident is the team that the APCD data would accurately reflect the rate of patients that are actually being offered this service on a regular basis. Rob Blundo stated that he had a similar concern that DSME would not be frequent enough in the database. However, after looking into the database for just CY2016, over 21,000</p>		

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<p>claims in the database related to DSME services were found. The team feels that this is an adequate sample. Pat then asked how they would characterize situations in which the codes were missing. A member of Sara’s team clarified that they are not looking to see the frequency at which DSME services are utilized, but the impact of DSME services on the patients’ healthcare utilization overall.</p> <p>Pat Checko asked Rob Blundo to clarify the level to which the APCD will release geographic information. Rob clarified that recipients will receive the first three digits of the zip code, as long as there are over 20,000 lives in that zip code area. Pat confirmed that this limits their ability to do any kind of geographic mapping.</p> <p>Lisa Freeman asked for clarification as to whether or not the APCD releases data from smaller, rural parts of the state that have less than 20,000 lives. Rob Blundo answered that that data is provided, however the zip code is masked. Rob reiterated that since current de-identification rules restrict the disclosure of a 5 digit zip code, that requesters are advised that the APCD data is inappropriate for projects with a mandatory requirement to perform in-state geographic adjustments.</p> <p>Justin Peng asked the applicants to discuss how they will account for the timing of when a patient received DSME, and then how will they be identifying patients with diabetes. Sara answered that they will be using the APCD diabetes codes. Justin clarified to ask if they will be looking at just a diabetes diagnosis, or any related diagnoses. Sara answered that they would be looking at all diabetes diagnostic codes. Rob Blundo stated careful attention is required when choosing a disease identification methodology to mitigate risk of falsely identifying diabetics. He recommended using an established claims based disease identification methodology such as one used by Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures.</p>			
	Executive Session, If Applicable	Committee Members	9:30 AM
The Committee did not choose to enter executive session.			
5.	Final Votes	Dr. Patricia Checko	9:45 AM
<p>Patricia Checko asked the Committee for a motion to approve the application submitted by UConn Health to study healthcare utilization by Connecticut patients diagnosed with diabetes. Lisa Freeman moved to approve the application. Sheryl Turney seconded the motion. The motion to approve the application passed unanimously, with member Justin Peng abstaining.</p>			
6.	Adjournment	Dr. Patricia Checko	10:00 AM
<p>Patricia Checko asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Committee member Justin Peng made the motion to adjourn. Sheryl Turney seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am.</p>			

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