



Healthcare Benchmark Data Analytics Workgroup

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
August 24, 2023	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom Meeting Recording https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83470624103?pwd=UkVQVUs5UTRYRnV2SG0xbDgvUXBOdz09

Participant Name and Attendance Council Members					
Ayesha Clarke	R	Josh Wojcik (chair)	R	Michaela Dinan	R
Frank Mata	X	Alyne Mallory	X	Olga Armah	R
Joe Quaranta	X	Lisa Douglas (for Mary Lyon)	R	Gui Woolston	X

Others Present					
Krista Moore	R	Jeannina Thompson	R	Michael Bailit	R
				Matt Reynolds	R
R = Attended Remotely; IP = In Person; X = Did Not Attend					

Agenda			
	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome and Roll Call	Josh Wojcik	2:00 PM
	Josh Wojcik welcomed everyone to the fifth Data Analytics Workgroup meeting. Matt Reynolds reported that there was a quorum present.		
2.	Public Comment	Members of Public	2:05 PM
	Josh Wojcik offered the opportunity for public comment. There were no public comments.		
3.	Action: Approval of February 15th, 2023 Meeting Minutes	Workgroup Members	2:10 PM
	Olga Armah motioned to approve the minutes. Lisa Douglas seconded the motion. There was no opposition. Ayesha Clarke abstained. The minutes were approved.		
4.	Change in Commercial Hospital Payment per Service Unit	Michael Bailit	2:15 PM
	<p>Lisa Douglas asked if one or two years may have driven the observed trends. Michael noted that this may have been the case for individual hospitals but was not the case in aggregate.</p> <p>Josh Wojcik stated that he thought it would be interesting to see the change in prices per DRG and CPT code at the hospital and hospital system levels. Michael Bailit replied that this was doable, but noted the numbers could start to get small and that not all hospitals deliver all services.</p> <p>Lisa Douglas asked if similar analyses would be carried out with public payers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Bailit replied that the work group has been focusing on commercial trends because cost growth had been much higher in the commercial market and thus the commercial market is where affordability issues were most acute. Josh Wojcik said he believed it was somewhat of a challenge to focus on markets independently. Josh stated that he thought it would be interesting to see, given each hospital's Medicaid and Medicare trends, what each hospital's maximum commercial cost growth trend could be in order for the hospitals' overall cost growth to be at the benchmark. Olga Armah wondered if the NASHP's Hospital Cost Tool's breakeven analysis could be useful for this purpose. <p>Lisa Douglas suggested that follow-up analyses look at the role that hospital costs and inflation play on hospital prices. Lisa also wondered if additional analyses could account for service mix and for expansion of core</p>		

	capacities at hospitals. Lastly, Lisa said it would be helpful to understand the impact of services moving from inpatient to outpatient settings and suggested looking at inpatient/outpatient ratios. Michael Bailit noted that it is likely that outpatient prices are lower than inpatient prices for comparable services, but analyses seem to indicate that the price for a given service continues to grow at a high rate year over year, regardless of setting.		
5.	Wrap-Up and Next Steps	Josh Wojcik	2:55 PM
	<p>Michael Bailit asked what members thought about sharing the content with the Steering Committee in September. Josh Wojcik stated he thought OHS should share the content with the Steering Committee. Lisa Douglas supported shared the content, ideally with the ED analyses updated and incorporated.</p> <p>Michael Bailit noted that additional Data Analytics Workgroup meetings were scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month, contingent on there being new analyses ready to review.</p>		
6.	Action: Adjournment	Workgroup Members	3:00 PM
	Olga Armah motioned to adjourn. Ayesha Clarke seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.		

**Upcoming Meeting Date:
September 20, 2023**

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