

DRAFT 2021 Annual APCD Data Release Committee Report



All-Payer Claims Database (APCD)

Created in 2012 by [Public Act 12-166](#), Connecticut’s All Payer Claims Database (APCD) was established as a program to receive, store, and analyze health insurance claims data. The state’s APCD transferred from Access Health CT to OHS in 2019 with the passage of [C.G.S. § 19a-755](#). The statute requires health insurers to submit medical, pharmacy and dental claims data, as well as information on providers, insurance enrollment and eligibility. OHS has utilized the approximately 950 million claims records in the APCD for varying use cases. These include to support efforts to improve health outcomes, ensure better access to healthcare, identify health inequities, reduce per-capita healthcare spending, stabilize consumer costs across all sectors of healthcare; and

evaluate multi-payer healthcare payment and service delivery reforms. OHS is also mandated to “provide health care consumers in the state with information concerning the cost and quality of health care services” to support consumers health care decision-making and “make data in the all-payer claims database available to any state agency, insurer, employer, health care provider, consumer of health care services or researcher for the purpose of allowing such person or entity to review such data as it relates to health care utilization, costs or quality of health care services.”¹

The APCD Advisory Group (APCD AG) and APCD Data Release Committee (DRC) advise, and assist OHS in fulfilling its APCD legislative mandates. The APCD AG and DRC serve two important functions. [The APCD Advisory Group](#), composed of 20 advisors, is **consulted when:**

1. Contracting for, planning, implementing, and administering the APCD
2. Obtaining claims data from the State’s medical assistance program and Medicare Part A or B
3. Any action to obtain Medicaid and CHIP data
4. Contracting for the collection, management, or analysis of data from reporting entities

In addition, OHS utilizes the expertise of the council members to advise OHS in its efforts leveraging APCD data to increase efficiency, enhance outcomes, and improve understanding of healthcare expenditures within Connecticut.

[The APCD Data Release Committee \(DRC\)](#) aids OHS in its statutorily mandated requirement “to make data in the all-payer claims database available to any state agency, insurer, employer, health care provider, consumer of health care services or researcher for the purpose of allowing such person or entity to review

¹ [C.G.S. § 19a-755](#)

such data as it relates to health care utilization, costs or quality of health care services.” It’s 10 members review and approve APCD data release requests for external organizations received by OHS.

During 2021 the APCD Data Release Committee met three times to discuss three data requests submitted by:

- [APPERTURE LLC](#)
- [Yale HPV-General Warts Study](#)
- [The UCONN Phenotype Suicide Algorithm Study](#)

In 2021, the APCD DRC decided to evaluate the APCD Data Release Application. The APCD DRC tasked a [APCD Data Release Application Review Workgroup \(Workgroup\)](#) to evaluate the application. The Workgroup consisted of a subgroup of APCD DRC members. The workgroup met four times in 2021. In these meetings the group defined its twofold purpose:

1. Create a new application for external applicants to suit all current use cases.
2. Help OHS develop a new application for internal APCD applicants based on changes to the external application.

In addition to defining its purpose the Workgroup defined the parameters for its environmental scan of APCD data request applications from other states: starting with the five (5) New England States, including reviewing CT APCD statutes and policy and procedures. The Workgroup discussed Vermont’s at the August meeting. During the discussion, the Workgroup decided that due to the scope of APCD multi-state applications review and suggestions for enhancements, it would require the involvement of the entire APCD DRC. Consequently, in 2022 the DRC as a whole, will be involved in the multi-state applications review.