



Monthly Meeting Agenda
August 24, 2009
2-3pm

Attendees:

Denise Love (NAHDO), Annette Gabel (Medco), Tyler Brannen and Leslie Ludtke (NH), John Harvell (MHIC), Lalita Pulavarti (MA), Brooks Daverman and Jeff Ockerman (TN), Amy Wenmoth (WV), Mike Kassis (CA)

Updates from States:

Maine – No update.

NH – Recently released report, funded by California Healthcare Foundation, examining NH claims data for changes in pricing over time found that prices for common health procedures did not go up substantially but prices do continue to climb. Prices paid by hospitals went up more than non-hospitals. In another study, Center for Studying Health System Changes interviewed providers and thought leaders – this report is expected out in next couple months. Changes to NH Healthcost coming soon: employer portal provides additional information about insurance marketplace including new procedures and providers with focus on primary care.

TN – RFP is in Controller's office; Tennessee Health Information Committee will be formed soon to determine how TN will collect data and use and report on information.

MA – No new report... updating race, ethnicity and language bill.

WV – NEW – WV has been collecting data from state payers for years. Commercial carriers are submitting voluntarily. WV is in the process of writing an RFP for data collection right now.

CA – NEW –CA has always been interested in pursuing all-payer all claims... but the task is daunting in a state with 4 million inpatient, 12 million ambulatory surgery, 12 million ED encounters – APCD would be huge for California. APCD development is a difficult process because of the cost but still pursuing it and watching other states. Foundations are starting to take interest, as is HHS Office of Statewide Health Planning Division, Healthcare Information Division.

CT – No new report - still listening.



FL – No new report - still listening – not enough traction yet but trying.

WI – 25 sites are receiving reports based on claims data analysis with intention to use reports statewide at least for sites that meet minimum sample size requirements. Starting to produce pop health stats, etc.

Updates from Payers:

Annette waiting on standards group update (from Jo).

Google discussion group:

Amy will look into using this for the group to discuss technical and other issues related to APCD.

AHRQ contract update:

Standardization Plan is now available on-line:

http://www.raphic.org/pdf/APCD%20standardization%20plan_Final_080709.pdf

The plan will be presented in a webinar on September 10 by NAHDO – call-in info is coming soon.

Conversations with Mike Leavitt:

Denise has been meeting with him, and Leavitt is very interested in the development of APCDs. Leavitt asked how he can help, and Denise asked if he had suggestions about the issue of states' access to Medicare data. Leavitt suggested that NAHDO write a letter to Baucus and Grassley to consider an alternative more cost-efficient process for releasing Medicare data to states that have APCD legislation. Leavitt is taking this to the staff of Grassley and Baucus. Denise encouraged states to get the letters to their Congressional staff too.

Other:

Fundraising continues for NAHDO October 14 meeting APCD session – the preconference session on October 14.

Academy Health sent a broad notification to states that there are funds available for 2 travelers from each state – so register soon!

Some discussion of name change:

RAPHIC to NAPHIC or RAPHIC to APHIC or ??

Mike suggested that we continue the discussion about the name in the google group.