



**Monthly Meeting Agenda**  
**March 23, 2009**  
**2-3pm**

**Attendees:**

Craig Schneider (MA), Jon Harvell (MHIC), Al Prysunka (ME), Julie Bartels (WI), Mary Beth Bonadies (CT), Rosemary Teagarden (HPHC), Kevan Edwards (MN), Katharine Peletreau (ME Association of Health Plans), Brooks Daverman (TN), Jeff Ross (VT), Jo Porter (NH), Amy Costello (NH), Tim Barthalow (WI)

**States Updates:**

ME (Al): Board approved rule amendment. Maine data will be almost identical to VT, mostly identical to NH. Al is also almost done with global claims report.

VT (Jeff): VT is close to having its 1<sup>st</sup> consolidated file. They are working on an interagency agreement for Medicaid data. Anticipate technical amendments for greater harmony with other states this summer; this includes changes on prescribing MD, and other smaller changes. VT will be issuing another RFP because the current contract expires in June.

WI (Julie): WI issued the first cut of datamart in Dec. with aggregated claims from 5 largest (55 million claims lines; 1.5 million members). They have a commitment to bring on Medicaid with 2 other large carriers; 50% of population in next 12 months. Currently in data study period, with members accessing and using data (with data use agreements prior to use). WI noted anomalies and gaps but no major defects – board report by end of April to WI RHIO.

MN (Kevan): Rules are published in state register. Comment period of 30 days before to they go to judge. Moving ahead to making sure can get public programs' data – Medicaid and Medicare. Big development – published RFI for soliciting information/input on methodology for provider peer grouping. This is the major application of the data for MN, and is the primary reason for why they are collecting the data. If have ideas, PLEASE contact: [Kevan.edwards@state.mn.us](mailto:Kevan.edwards@state.mn.us)

NH (Jo): The NH Senate passed the bill that begins to collect data about the uninsured; it will go to the House next. Also, NH is reviewing comments to new rules (which includes dental data).

MA (Craig): No updates from State about data collection, but Craig is trying to set up a meeting with them. Update from MHDC – Panel submission about APCD for Academy Health was declined, but poster was accepted (will be putting together with Bob McGrath) for meeting in June in Chicago. Decided to have a legislature focused session about claims in fall (rather than this spring). Likely to have a half-day session focused on APCD at NAHDO; Wednesday, Oct. 14 n Virginia. Jon Harvell noted that the MHIC has provided a consolidated extract of the data from the MHIC to MA.

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TN (Brooks): TN is talking with insurers this week to get them up to speed and trying to connect local groups to national insurers who have been involved in APCD. Brooks would love input from this group about what the insurers are going to want to know.

CT (Mary Beth): Still interested listeners

## **Payers Updates:**

Rosemary (HPHC) – HPHC is trying to get historical files into VT. Rosemary also asked about ME's proposed rules changes that were approved, and wanted to get a sense of timeline. AI notes that implementation is currently set for Dec 2009/Jan 2010.

## **AHRQ update**

Jo provided a summary about the meeting with AHRQ on 2/26. Kathie Kendrick, Irene Fraser, and Anne Elixhauser were there from AHRQ. AI and Jon from Maine, Jo, Amy, and Patrick from NH, Denise Love from NAHDO spent part of the day doing an overview of APCD activity for level-setting with AHRQ. We also talked about major stakeholders and process options for standardization. We have a follow-up meeting in AHRQ to plan for a stakeholders meeting in late spring.

No word on AHRQ conference grant.

The grant that Bob Woodward from NH mentioned during the last meeting to focus on getting uninsured data was submitted.

## **CDC asthma grant**

CDC released an asthma surveillance proposal that includes a potential for claims data. NH DHHS Asthma program will be applying. Other states might be interested. Link:  
<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=GKLfJLqD7xpM0Hp12rNPXcqRWnyDSb169pQQvby mT7bhBvwsNKQ1!492643356?oppld=45877&flag2006=false&mode=VIEW>)

## **Other**

Note that the member directory is ready and posted on RAPHIC website:



**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Please see the RFI from MN:**

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) released a Request for Information (RFI) today related to provider peer grouping. MDH is required to establish a methodology for comparing providers on a composite measure of cost and quality by January 1, 2010. This RFI identifies key issues and questions that must be addressed in developing a methodology for provider peer grouping. MDH seeks information from a wide range of respondents on these issues and questions.

Information received in response to this RFI and collected through additional background research will be synthesized into a set of issue papers. This information will be used as the starting point for a public advisory group to provide recommendations on the development of the peer grouping system.

The RFI may be obtained by going to: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/peerrfi090320.pdf>. For additional information, see the Health Reform Initiative [Provider Peer Grouping](#) page. If you have ideas, PLEASE contact: [Kevan.edwards@state.mn.us](mailto:Kevan.edwards@state.mn.us)

**Brooks Daverman from TN** is seeking input from RAPHIC about what the insurers are going to want to know to understand APCD development. Please contact him at: [Brooks.Daverman@state.nh.us](mailto:Brooks.Daverman@state.nh.us).

Next meeting: April 27, 2:00