



Monthly Meeting Agenda
April 27, 2009
2-3pm

Attendees:

Rita Long (Ingenix), Jim Harrison (MHIC), Craig Schneider (MA), Al Prysunka (ME), Julie Bartels (WI), Mary Beth Bonadies (CT), Brooks Daverman (TN), Jeff Ross (VT), Jo Porter (NH), Amy Costello (NH)

State Updates:

Maine:

- total price paid website go live to public on Thursday (<http://www.healthweb.maine.gov/claims/healthcost/Default.aspx>);
- finished report about global claims for legislature
- looking at NPI – talked to data providers about accuracy

CT – Still listening; no movement thus far

MA – Jim indicated that he has not been in contact with DHCFP about status; state of MA – contract ends June 30. Brooks asked for MA contact; Linda Green is listed in RAPHIC member directory, http://www.raphic.org/pdf/200903_member-directory.pdf

TN – Final meeting with different interest groups; introduce amendment into committee tomorrow; go forward with use committee; no implementation timeline – not sure how long for rule making, etc, if the bill is passed

WI – Testing and analysis ongoing; have done data studies and internal analytics; results are very good - validated data and know what is missing; Medicaid being added next year. Ingenix joined the call on recommendation from Julie.

MN – Jim reported that payers are submitting test data to MHIC; expect to have “real” data by July 1; again, not for public release, just provider profiling.

UT – Denise reported that rules are drafted but not into public hearing phase; Denise talking to UT technical advisory group tomorrow; testing with pilot data with payers (volunteer submission)

OR – Denise and Al believe APCD bill passed and on to ways and means



NAHDO Update:

October 14 is the pre-conference session for APCD at the ANHDO annual conference this year; she reminded RAPHIC members of potential of claims data for “biosurveillance”; Al and Denise also reported that they have received inquiries about APCD development from Washington, Idaho and California; and ongoing conversation with Hawaii.

AHRQ contract update:

NAHDO and RPAHIC have been working on convening a group of stakeholders. The meeting is scheduled for May 6 at AHIP. This is the second meeting of 2, under contract from AHRQ, to discuss the potential to standardize all-payer claims data.

No word on AHRQ conference grant.

Grant opportunities related to APCD:

CDC Cooperative Agreement, CDC-RFA-EH09-901: Addressing Asthma from a Public Health Perspective, provides an opportunity to use claims data for surveillance.

NH DHHS Asthma Control Program will be applying for CDC funds, and as part of the application have submitted a cost estimate for the acquisition of Medicare data for New Hampshire. FOA:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=GKLfJLqD7xpM0Hp12rNPXcqRWnyDSb169pQQvby mT7bhBvwsNKQ1!492643356?opId=45877&flag2006=false&mode=VIEW>)

Upcoming conferences related to APCD:

Craig – working with NAHDO; poster presentation at Academy Health end of June in Chicago
PHIN conference – poster or conference table materials; NH will present the WRQS claims module pilot (funded by CDC Assessment Initiative)



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

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.

Next meeting: April 27, 2:00