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Monthly Meeting Agenda May 24, 2010, 2-3pm

Attendees:

Patrick Miller (RAPHC), Amy Costello (RAPHC), Sioban McCoy (Enclarity), Al Prysunka (Maine), Amy Wenmoth (WV), Matthew Spaan (MN), Dian Kahn (VT), Tricia Leddy (RI), Julie Bartels (WI), Mary Taylor (Aetna), Michael Blumenthal and Paul Smith (MA), James Oliver (OR), Linda Green (Freedman Health Care), Mike Beavin (Humana), Jeff Ockerman and Brooks Daverman (TN), Keely Cofrin-Allen (UT), Bruce Boissonault (Niagara HQC), Jim Harrison (Onpoint Health Data)

Updates from States:

MASSACHUSETTS

Held public hearing for rule and went well. Michael and Paul have been hosting phone calls with carriers to get feedback and questions on technical issues that need definition and clarification.

MAINE

NCPDP calls are going well, and there will be elements that we will need to talk about; there may be better data elements that are part of the NCPDP standard that are an improvement over the current APCD pharmaceutical data elements.

MINNESOTA

Reaching critical mass of 2008-2009 data for provider analysis; including fee for service data in data set. Medicare data have been added to APCD (additional authority was required to use Medicare data through current signed data use agreement with CMS)

OREGON

State government has decided that RFP for data collection is actually an IT project.

TENNESSEE

Operating under emergency data collection rules that last 6 months; prioritizing list of reporting efforts; completed registration period for carriers; June 1, 2010 is first data download from January 2009 forward.

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RHODE ISLAND

RI has a law that allows APCD to be created, but state has not acted on it because there were no resources, but now the state has funding for first 3 years. Planning to develop a budget and write regulations to implement by mid 2011. APCD will likely be established within Department of Health.

UTAH

Sending phase 2 claims data to Care Advantage; presenting analysis to legislature on June 23; in planning process for data release.

WISCONSIN

Commercial and Medicaid data is aggregated - this is attractive to current and new members. All but 3 carriers are submitting data; WI APCD covers almost 50% covered lives in the state. HMO will be added in the fall.

WEST VIRGINIA

Governor's task force has been established; there will be a first meeting as a state to talk about APCD governance. HCA has published some of the charge data with the claims data that they do have in the state.

VERMONT

Second data consolidation is almost complete; this is for 2007 – 2009 data, for a total of 330,000 members (of 370,000 possible). Research data requests are coming in and VHCURES is activating release committee. VHCURES intends to support the medical home pilot study; and produce a 3 state comparative study with NH and Maine; pushing on the servicing provider issue. CMS will be mapping Medicaid data, and Medicaid will retain control of data.

Updates from Payers:

AETNA

Aetna is cautiously optimistic about being able to capture service provider (not currently captured in the system). Mary offered to consult on APCD issues.

HUMANA

Humana is engaged in a major rendering provider project also.



Updates from Data Organizations:

Al Prysunka noted that he has been participating on NCPDP calls, and it has been a really great process; NCPDP has been working together with representatives from pharmaceutical industry as well as APCD states to develop a standardized data set for pharmacy claims; Al would like to see this process replicated for medical claims.

ONPOINT HEALTH DATA

Onpoint is working with Minnesota to be able to provide mapping info for Mathematica, and working with Tennessee on submissions.

ENCLARITY

Signed with Emdeon to do provider linking and cleaning with them.

MHDC

MHDC participated in public hearing, and will be providing testimony for MA APCD. Craig will be on a panel with Denise Love, Patrick Miller at Academy Health conference.

RAPHIC/NAHDO

Kick-off call for Commonwealth project scheduled for tomorrow. CWF project will provide more resources including mapping/fast facts profiling feature on RAPHIC site.

Discussion about Sustainability

- Julie Bartels offered that WHIO will sell data sets and customize reporting; membership finds value in producing reports so they can offer their consulting.
- Maine sells data; if data requestor will put product in public domain then board may reduce or comp data cost (do not bank on it); Al can provide detail of what data is released and to whom.
- Utah applied for AHRQ grant as a potential source of funding; and providing reporting; and Beacon
- Oregon is exploring using Medicaid 90:10 funding but running into politics about aligning with Medicaid; OR is financing through internal subscriptions – have done this with other data sets and reporting – multiple entities pay into one contract that analyses all of the data
- Massachusetts used a cost-recovery model; revenue never generated because the data sets are too large and cumbersome; DHF statutorily ordered to produce a report and they have to charge fees to make money off the data set.

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- Minnesota receives funding through a designated “health care access fund” (tax on providers and premiums) and general fund
- New York (Bruce Boissonealt) expressed concern that large cumbersome data sets may create an unintended consequence if it cannot be used.

Next meeting date: July 26, 2010 at 2:00

THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING ON JUNE 28!