



Georgia All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) Advisory Committee

Minutes

Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Virtual Meeting | apcd@opb.georgia.gov

Attendees

Committee Members

P	Dr. Gregory Esper	A	Mr. Rick Dunn	A	Commissioner Kathleen Toomey
A	Senator Ben Watson	A	Mr. Matthew Hicks	P	Darlene Taylor
P	Ms. Elizabeth Holcomb (chair)	A	Ms. Crysty Odom		
P	Dr. Jon Duke	P	Mr. Chad Purcell	<i>(P)resent; (A)bsent</i>	

Supporting Leadership/ Facilitation Present

Office of Health Strategy and Coordination (OHSC): Elizabeth Holcomb, Anelia Moore, Katlynn Sifre

Georgia Technology Authority (GTA):

Georgia Tech Research Institute Center for Health Analytics & Informatics (GTRI-CHAI): Dr. Jon Duke

Discussion Notes

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Elizabeth Holcomb opened the meeting, welcomed members, and provided an overview of the agenda.
- Introduction of new project team member, Katlynn Sifre, who joined as the Product Manager for the All-Payer Claims Database (APCD).

2. Approval of July Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the July meeting were approved without objections.

3. Project Milestones Update

- Key Milestones Achieved:**
 - Completed publication of the remaining 10 analytic use cases.
 - Fourth and fifth production data extracts published (April and July, respectively).
 - Continued updates of data to reflect six years of historical data.



- Rigorous data validation checks in place; ongoing data collection from a few outstanding submitters.
- **Upcoming Activities:**
 - Next data extract scheduled for October 18, 2024, including Q2 2024 data.
 - Working with submitters such as Luminaire, Merchants Benefit Administration, and National Health, with a focus on the Georgia Department of Corrections and the Cannabis Commission for 2025-2026.

4. Formation of FY25 Use Case Work Group

- New work group formed to explore and identify future use cases, incorporating experts from various fields.
- Expect a formal report of findings and recommendations before the next meeting.

5. Data Access and Governance Update (Speaker: Dr. Jon Duke)

- **Data Access Eligibility:** Researchers, government entities, providers, health systems, payers, industry employers affiliated with an organization can request data.
- **Request Processes:**
 - Emphasis on data use that benefits Georgia citizens.
 - Introduced custom reports for those without the infrastructure to handle raw data.
- **Data Request Review Committee (DRRC):** Met monthly to review and approve data requests with modifications.
- **Engagement with State Agencies:** State agencies interested in APCD data should contact Elizabeth Holcomb.

6. Analytics Update

- **Patient Data Overview:**
 - Over 4 million patients represented for dental data and 6 million for medical data from 2018 through mid-2024.
- **Advancements in Analytics:**
 - Embedding distance to care in datasets without revealing protected health information.
 - Analyzing provider true availability to understand actual access to care, showing significant disparities in some counties.

7. Future Collaboration and Strategic Engagement

- Strategy in place to engage up to three state agencies before the end of 2024 to discuss data priorities and potential collaborations.
- Exploration of developing dashboards and use cases with agencies, focusing on integrating state needs with APCD capabilities.

8. Feedback & Questions

- Dr. Esper complimented the APCD team's work, expressing enthusiasm for how the data could influence health outcomes in Georgia.
- Plans discussed to improve physician access in underserved counties.

9. Closing Remarks



- Next advisory committee meeting scheduled for December 11, 2024.
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Action Items

1. **Katlynn Sifre** to update the committee on outstanding data submission status in the next meeting.
2. **Elizabeth Holcomb** to initiate contact with up to three state agencies for strategic engagement on potential data use cases.
3. **Dr. Jon Duke** to further refine data access processes and promote custom reports as an option for stakeholders.
4. **Work Group Members** to prepare a report on new FY25 use cases for review before the December meeting.