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All Payer Claims Database

Procurement Plan

Listening Session

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Welcome & Introductions

- This session will present information on the Procurement Plan for the All Payer Claims Database (APCD) System.
  - Note: Regulations or regulation processes for Senate Bill (SB) 40 will not be discussed today. That is a separate process that will have opportunity for public comment at a future date.

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Presentation Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions

- What is an APCD?
  - Potential Benefits to Nevadans

- Overview of SB 40

- APCD Project At a Glance
  - Timeline
  - APCD Grant

- Applicable Recommendations for Establishing an APCD

- Procurement
  - Key Items

What is an APCD?

- All Payer Claims Databases (APCDs) are collections of medical, pharmacy, and dental claims data obtained from public and private payers
  - May also contain eligibility, provider, and other related data
- Purpose is to improve transparency and information about costs and quality of health care
- APCDs have been implemented in over 2 dozen states
  - Some states mandate reporting
  - Others have voluntary reporting

Potential Benefits to Nevadans

- The APCD will contain data that is not currently available, such as:
  - Combined claims from private insurers, Medicaid, and Medicare
  - Charged and paid amounts, including patient responsibility
  - Dental claims
- SB40 requires a report be prepared "at least annually … concerning the quality, efficiency and cost of health care in this State"
- Examples of possible health care quality, efficiency, and cost reporting
  - Actual patient costs, overall and by condition or procedure
  - Volume and costs of dental services
  - Prescription medication costs and utilization
  - Note: SB40 does not allow data submitters to include direct patient identifiers in the submitted data, so data comparisons between payers and other data sources will be limited

Overview of Senate Bill (SB) 40

- Passed during the 2021 Legislative Session
- Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish an APCD, to the extent Federal funding is available
- Outlines requirements for:
  - Regulations to establish an advisory committee for the APCD
  - Secure data submission
    - Including removal of "all direct patient identifiers from the data" and assignment of "a unique identifier to all data concerning a specific patient."
  - Data quality assurance and reporting
  - Use of the data by State and other entities
- Regulation development is underway, following Nevada Administrative Rulemaking Requirements
  - Opportunities will be available to provide input into the process

APCD Project
At a Glance

- Four Required Activities
  - Apply for grant funds
    - Status: Application release delayed due to lack of funding availability
  - Establish regulations
    - Status: In process
  - Procure APCD Vendor
    - Status: Request for Proposal (RFP) under development
  - Work with the Vendor to implement the APCD
    - Status: Will occur once funding is secured and Vendor is contracted
- Joint Effort between DHHS Office of Analytics (OOA) and DHCFP

APCD Grant

- Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Section 115
  - Authorizes one-time grants to establish or improve a State All Payer Claims Database
  - Grants are to be for $2,500,000
    - $1,000,000 – First and second years
    - $500,000 – Third year
  - Release of the grant application has been delayed, as the funding to support the grants was authorized but has not been appropriated
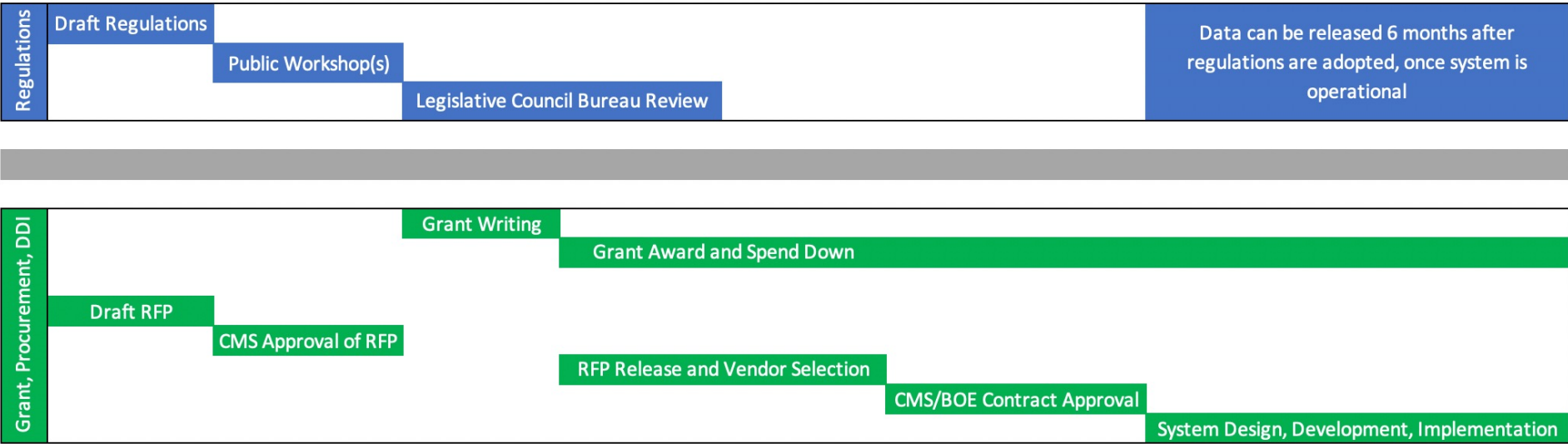
Timeline

- Timeline is dependent on grant application and funding availability

All Payer Claims Database (APCD) Project
Activity Flow

Regulations		
Draft Regulations		Data can be released 6 months after regulations are adopted, once system is operational
	Public Workshop(s)	
	Legislative Council Bureau Review	

Grant, Procurement, DDI		
	Grant Writing	
	Grant Award and Spend Down	
Draft RFP		
CMS Approval of RFP		
	RFP Release and Vendor Selection	
	CMS/BOE Contract Approval	
	System Design, Development, Implementation	

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Applicable Recommendations for Establishing an APCD

- As APCDs are being developed across the country, many organizations have released recommendations for effective implementation and operations
  - California Healthcare Payment Data Review Committee
  - State All Payer Claims Databases Advisory Committee Report
  - APCD Council
  - State Reports
- We are looking to these recommendations as we determine the approach for implementing and operating the APCD

APCD Recommendation Categories

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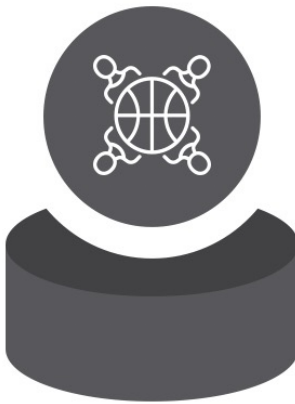

Data Collection   Data Quality & Analysis   Data Security & Privacy   Governance   Resources & Funding

Data Collection Recommendations

- Data Sources should include Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial health plans and insurers
- The Common Data Layout (APCD-CDL) developed by the APCD Council should be used by all submitters except CMS
- Monthly data collection allows for timely analysis and use of the data
- Collect 3-5 years of historical data after implementation
- Capture non-claims based payments also for a more complete picture of the health care system
  - Will require collaboration on file layout as this data isn't included in the APCD-CDL
- Collect personally identifiable information to allow for use of methodologies such as master patient index
  - Supports analyses that look at items such as social determinants of health
- Mandatory data submission requirements should be generally stated in statute and defined in regulation
- Allow for voluntary reporting of data by organizations that are exempt from mandatory reporting, e.g. ERISA Plans
  - Continue to encourage voluntary data submission by sharing the benefits of having the data available to support areas such as public health, health care quality, and health care cost containment

Data Quality & Analysis Recommendations

- Stakeholders should have access to data quality information

- Use robust methodologies to match patients, providers, and payers across datasets when possible and effective

- Develop robust quality assurance and improvement processes based on established and effective methodologies throughout the life cycle of data collection, processing, and reporting
  - Processes should be evaluated periodically and updated as needed

- Work with all stakeholders to continue to improve the data collected, particularly data elements that are important for policy making but often not collected

Data Security & Privacy Recommendations

- The APCD data should be used to look at the health care system and public health overall using aggregated data

- An information security program should be established that meets State and Federal requirements

- Robust security and privacy processes must be in place to protect individual patient privacy and prevent identification of any individual

- Access to non-public data should be limited

- Comprehensive data reporting and release policies should be established

Governance Recommendations

- Establish a robust program with appropriate oversight for data use and release

- Clearly designate the entity that is responsible for managing the APCD

- Create a policy advisory committee to provide guidance in the management and use of the APCD
    - Establish other committees and workgroups as needed

Resource & Funding Recommendations

- Existing resources and expertise should be leveraged to accelerate the implementation and productive use of the APCD

- Implement the APCD using an established vendor and a modular approach

- Explore potential funding sources
  - CMS
  - Fee based products

- Establish a fund that allows money to be used in future years

Procurement Key Items

- DHHS will be seeking a vendor with established APCD experience

- Vendor will be responsible for:
  - Implementing and maintaining the system
  - Working with data submitters
  - Data processing and management

- All data requests, analyses, and reporting will be handled by DHHS OOA

- RFP will not be released until grant funding is secured

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Adjournment