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All Payer Claims Database (APCD) Procurement Plan Listening Session Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 1:00 PM

Name of Organization: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS),
Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

Place of Meeting: Microsoft Teams

Teleconference and/or WebEx Attendees

(Note: This List May Not Include All Participants, Just Those Who Identified Themselves)

Presenters: Kyra Morgan, State Biostatistician, DHHS Office of Analytics (OOA)
Jake Dawley, Project Manager, DHCFP
Alicia Hansen, Consultant, Public Knowledge

Other Attendees: Shirish S. Limaye, Steve Messinger, Kelli Williams, Michael Yeager, Mari Nakashima, Melissa Madera, Temyka Miller, Sundar Narayanaswamy, Nick Stosic, Pamela Pascal, Peter (Guest), James Riske, Robin Ochenschlager, Sandie Ruybalid, Sara Hunt, Sarah Scott, Adam Jozsa, Julia Peek, Marta Kalleberg, Keibi (Guest), Jack H Kim, Dinesh Laxman, Lea Case, Lea Lauchen, Amy Levin MD, Linda Anderson, Lori Follett, Donald Binstock, Michael Easterday, Genie Gilliam, Robert Groeneveld, Helen Foley, Jacqueline Hernandez, Bernadette M Inskeep, Jennifer Atlas, Jeremy Gladstone, Jesse Wadams, Jessica Bowers, John F Packham, Vimal Asokan, Troy Breiland, Brian Evans, Carin Hennessey, Carrie L. Sprenkle, Cheri Glockner, Cindy Glass, Dan Musgrove, Regina De Rosa, Michelyn Y Domingo, Angela Torres, Marc Leonard, Abigail Bailey, Alex Tanchek, Alissa Lucke, Amanda Brazeau, Aodhan Downey, April Caughron, April Sears, Elisa Ashton

Introduction:

Ms. Kyra Morgan opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. She informed attendees the meeting was being recorded and the recording would be available. Agenda for this meeting was posted 1/5/2022, on the DHCFP website and notice.nv.gov.

Ms. Morgan introduced presenters and outlined the subject of the listening session as the APCD Procurement Plan. She noted regulations or regulation processes for Senate Bill (SB) 40 would not be discussed. That is a separate process that will have opportunity for public comment at a future date.

Mr. Jake Dawley went through meeting participation options, general housekeeping rules, and opened up the meeting for round 1 of Public Comment.

1. General Public Comment

No Comments.

2. Presentation: All Payer Claims Database (APCD) Procurement Plan

Ms. Morgan reviewed the agenda items.

She went over what an APCD is, stating it is a collection of medical, pharmacy, and dental claims data obtained from public and private payers. The purpose of APCDs is to improve transparency and information about costs and quality of health care. They have been implemented in over 2 dozen states, some with mandatory reporting and others with voluntary. There are potential benefits to Nevadans as the APCD will contain data that isn't currently available. SB40 requires that reporting be done "at least annually ... concerning the quality, efficiency and cost of health care in this State." She discussed examples of other possible health care quality, efficiency, and cost reporting. She noted that 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.

Ms. Morgan then provided an overview of SB 40, which was passed during the 2021 Legislative Session. The bill requires DHHS to establish an APCD, to the extent Federal funding is available. It outlines requirements for regulations, secure data submission, data quality assurance and reporting, and use of the data by State and other entities. She noted again that regulation development is underway, following Nevada Administrative Rulemaking Requirements, and opportunities will be available to provide input into the process.

Mr. Dawley provided an overview of the four key activities taking place on the project and the status of each.

- Applying for grant funds - Has not yet occurred. The application release has been delayed due to lack of funding availability
- Establishing regulations - Regulations are being drafted. The timeline for the rulemaking process is delayed as funding is uncertain and regulations require time and resources from many areas.
- Procuring an APCD Vendor - Request for Proposal (RFP) is under development
- Working with the Vendor to implement the APCD – This will occur once funding is secured and Vendor is contracted

This is a joint effort between DHHS Office of Analytics and DHCFP.

Moving forward with the RFP release is dependent on No Surprises Act Grant funding. The application to request funding has not been released yet. The funding to support the grants was authorized, but has not been appropriated.

A timeline of activities without dates for the regulation process was reviewed. Key activities for the grant, procurement, and Design, Development and Implementation (DDI) of the APCD System were also reviewed. Dates will be determined once funding is available.

Ms. Alicia Hansen reported that NV APCD procurement planning efforts have considered work and recommendations by organizations and states across the country. Some of these resources are the recommendations from the California Healthcare Payment Data Review Committee, the State All Payer Claims Database Advisory Committee Report, the APCD Council, and states who have already been through the APCD procurement and implementation process.

Ms. Hansen reported that recommendations for consideration fall into five categories: Data Collection, Data Quality & Analytics, Data Security & Privacy, Governance, and Resources & Funding. She covered examples of recommendations from each of these categories.

Ms. Hansen concluded the presentation with contact information for the presenters and an invitation to join the new APCD Listserv to stay informed about the APCD Project at: <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/NevadaMedicaidUpdate/APCDListserv/>

Mr. Dawley briefly reviewed the meeting participation options and opened up the meeting for round 2 of Public Comment.

3. Public Comment

Ms. Helen Foley - Nevada Association of Health Plans (NAHP) – They are pleased Nevada is leveraging what other states have learned. Insurers in Nevada are in those two dozen states that already have an APCD. NAHP wants to work cooperatively with NV. NAHP wants to ensure vendor hired has HITRUST certification and is excellent in analytical skills. NAHP wants to offer their experience to the NV APCD project to ensure they get the best vendor out there. Look forward to future meetings about this subject.

Ms. Lea Case – <title and affiliation not provided> - Asked a logistics question. Will today's Power Point Presentation be posted online? Did not see it on DHCFP website. Thank you.

Mr. Dawley indicated the presentation will be posted along with meeting minutes.

Ms. Kelli Williams – Regional VP with Maximus - Thank you for this meeting. Understanding where opportunities are coming from, goals, visions, and what Nevada is looking for is very helpful. Thank you for this wonderful presentation.

There were no further comments. Mr. Dawley requested that the presenter contact information be displayed again and asked if the other presenters had any additional comments. All 3 presenters expressed appreciation for the participation.

4. Adjournment

Mr. Dawley adjourned the public workshop.

****An Audio (CD) version of this meeting is available through the DHCFP Compliance office. For more detailed information on any of the handouts, submittals, testimony and or comments please contact Jenifer Graham at jenifer.graham@dhcfp.nv.gov or (775) 684-3685 with any questions.***