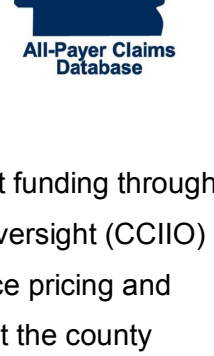


APCD Data Submission Status

The Arkansas APCD Technical Support Team has been working extensively with data submitters to process, review, and provide feedback to submitting entities on their test file and historical file submissions. As of June 9, 2016, 17 out of 22 distinct entities have submitted test files to the APCD. Of the 17 that have submitted test files, six of these entities have passed the data intake process.

All Group 1 submitting entities (those with at least 100,000 covered lives) requested an exemption to extend the historical file submission deadline. To date, four have submitted historical files.



APCD Reports

The Arkansas Insurance Department (AID) was awarded grant funding through the federal Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) that covers the initial development of reports on medical service pricing and maps indicating the prevalence of several chronic conditions at the county level. The maps will be part of a public launch of the Initiative in late 2016. The following lists the completed and upcoming reports developed by the APCD team.

Completed (but not published)

- Medicaid Cost and Utilization Report
- Risk-adjusted Medicaid Cost and Utilization Report
- Medicare Bilateral Cataract Episode Report
- Medicaid Hemoglobin A1c Testing Report
- Medical Service Price Report (Dynamic)

Upcoming

- Medicare Chronic Conditions Report
- Medicare Diabetes and Comorbid Conditions Report

MOU Aims to Reduce Long-Term Care Spending in Medicaid

The Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Arkansas Health Care Association (AHCA) entered into a [memorandum of understanding](#) (MOU) that aims at saving \$250 million in program costs and improve long-term care services in Arkansas. A core objective of the MOU is to provide quality, outcome, and efficiency reporting of long-term services and supports (LTSS) programs and settings. The MOU provides a timely opportunity to develop and use the proposed dashboard to aid in LTSS evaluation and reform.

Consumer Reports Investigates C-Section Birth Rates

Transparency Initiative Board member Jill Arnold has been working with Consumer Reports to investigate why C-section birth rates in some hospitals are above the national target of 23.9 percent. Consumer Reports asked 11 hospitals with C-section rates of 36 percent or higher why their rates were so high. You can find their responses [here](#).

Center for Healthcare Transparency

The Center for Healthcare Transparency (CHT), an initiative to provide meaningful cost and quality information, continues to work with the [Laura & John Arnold Foundation](#) and other entities on its [proposal](#). The Arkansas APCD through the Transparency Initiative has expressed interest in being a Regional Data Intermediary developed by the (CHT).

The Value of APCDs for Employers

The APCD Council published a document that illustrates the importance of APCD data for employers. Examples include state and regional healthcare cost and utilization benchmarking, analysis of key cost drivers, and tools to support healthcare consumerism. You can download the publication [here](#).

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