ARKANSAS APCD News & Updates
All-Payer Claims Database

June 2019

Welcome to the Arkansas APCD Newsletter! Here we will provide periodic news, updates, and other important information to Arkansas APCD submitting entities. Thank you for your participation and hard work as we improve healthcare transparency in Arkansas.

Data Submission Guide Update

New! **The Arkansas APCD solution will require no data submission guide changes for 2019/2020. All submitting entities will be required to submit in Arkansas APCD Data Submission Guide 7.0.2019.**

Don't forget! The submission date for Data Submission Guide 7.0.2019 changes has now been extended from March 31, 2019, to June 30, 2019. Mark your calendar!

The latest version of the Arkansas Data Submission Guide (DSG), version 7.0.2019, can be found here**.**

> **Helpful Hint:** Before submitting data in the 7.0.2019 format, contact the Arkansas APCD technical support team to test the new pharmacy submission, pharmacy benefits manager submission, or data integrity audit file requirements. A little testing ahead of time can pay off in the end. The Arkansas APCD technical support team is standing by to lend assistance, as needed.

New Data Sources

The Arkansas APCD can now be linked with data from the Arkansas Department of Health data including:

- Arkansas Department of Health Vital Statistics Data
  - Birth certificates
  - Death certificates
- Arkansas Department of Health Hospital Discharge Data (for uninsured or self-pay patients)
- Arkansas Department of Health Emergency Department Data (for uninsured or self-pay patients)

- Arkansas Department of Health Cancer Registry Data
- Arkansas Department of Health Medical Marijuana Cardholder Data

Linking health insurance administrative data with these important data sources expands the potential for expanded healthcare transparency analytics and reporting.
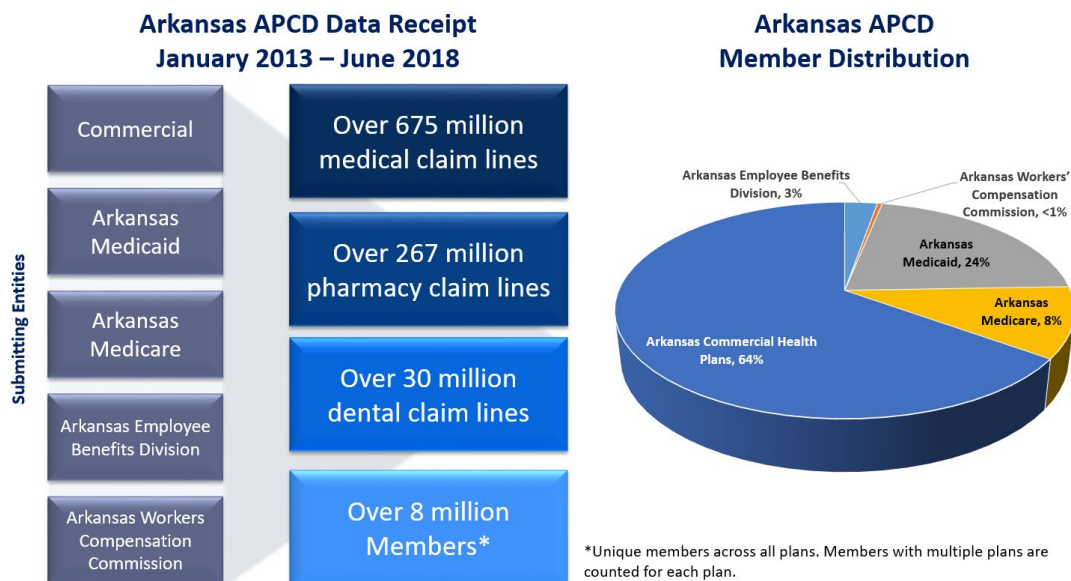
Consumer Tool Application

Arkansas APCD data is being used as part of a consumer-facing healthcare price transparency platform called MyMedicalShopper (MMS). Their primary focus is on employers and third-party administrators, but they also provide a consumer-facing option for their pricing tool. MMS purchased a year of medical claims data from the Arkansas APCD and integrated it into its consumer-facing pricing tool. This is the first of many price transparency applications planned for the Arkansas APCD.

Data Coverage Status & Member Distribution

The Arkansas APCD has been collecting data for more than three years. Data coverage begins with 2013 and extends through the end of 2018. The graphics below illustrate data submission counts and member distribution through June 30, 2018. The Arkansas APCD team continues to enhance and improve its data intake processes to better identify and eliminate duplicate data.

NOTE: Only data through June 2018 is available to data requesters. The Arkansas APCD biannual build is scheduled for October or November 2019, at which time data through December 2018 will be available.

Arkansas APCD Data Receipt
January 2013 – June 2018

Submitting Entities:
- Commercial
- Arkansas Medicaid
- Arkansas Medicare
- Arkansas Employee Benefits Division
- Arkansas Workers Compensation Commission

- Over 675 million medical claim lines
- Over 267 million pharmacy claim lines
- Over 30 million dental claim lines
- Over 8 million Members*

Arkansas APCD
Member Distribution

- Arkansas Employee Benefits Division, 3%
- Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission, <1%
- Arkansas Medicaid, 24%
- Arkansas Medicare, 8%
- Arkansas Commercial Health Plans, 64%

*Unique members across all plans. Members with multiple plans are counted for each plan.

Data Requester Tip Sheet

More and more, data requesters are seeking out the Arkansas APCD for its blend of data and information, including ACA Marketplace data, Arkansas Works data, medical marijuana data, and the unique combination of Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and vital statistics data. The Arkansas APCD team has developed a tip sheet for data requesters to help them understand and navigate the complexities and unique nuances found within each submitting entity's data. This tip sheet document is intended to help data requesters design and execute more-effective analyses with the Arkansas APCD.

- The Fall 2019/2020 Arkansas APCD biannual build is scheduled for deployment in October or November.

- Supporting documentation for data requesters is being updated to include the latest dates and new Arkansas Health Department data sources. Watch arkansasapcd.net for this release.

- The Arkansas APCD Data Request Infographic has been updated with the latest data available.

- The Arkansas APCD has added a new analytic artifact:

- Smoking Attributable Costs – Medicaid and Private Insurance

UPCOMING DATES

June 30
Quarter 2 2019 Data Submission
Data required: Jan. 1, 2019 - March 31, 2019

September 30
Quarter 3 2019 Data Submission
Data required: April 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019

December 31
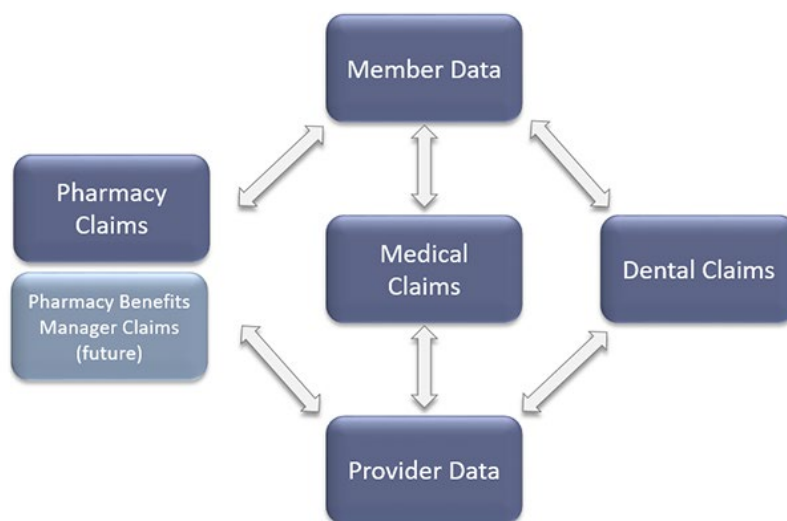Quarter 4 2019 Data Submission
Data required: July 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019

About the Arkansas APCD

The Arkansas All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) is enabled by the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative. The vision of the Arkansas APCD is to help empower Arkansans to seek out value in the healthcare system as part of the Arkansas Health Information Transparency Initiative. Its mission is to serve as a trusted and timely source of dynamic information to guide meaningful action to improve health, enhance healthcare quality, and lower costs. The Arkansas APCD team strives to build and maintain a rich data asset to enable this vision and mission, helping advance the health and well-being of Arkansans through relevant, accessible health information.

The Arkansas APCD is based on a logical data platform that associates the five main data categories (member data, medical claims, pharmacy claims, dental claims, and provider data) at both the submitter/individual and provider levels. This model facilitates health data relationships that can address complex healthcare utilization and access questions.

The Arkansas All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) is administered by the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement (ACHI) and is governed by the Arkansas Insurance Department Health Insurance Rate Review Division.