### Technical Changes to DSG 6.0.2018

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The following information supplements the Arkansas APCD Data Submission Guide (DSG) technical change submitted on January 26, 2018.  It is intended to provide additional clarity to components of the Arkansas APCD DSG that will address some submission issues identified and questions received this year.  This information will be incorporated in the next DSG version however should be utilized as needed to help negate lingering data validation issues some submitters are experiencing.

1. ME998 Hash ID – differences in the formatting of last name can produce inconsistent hash ID values for the same member.  Remove all generational Suffixes (Jr., Sr, II, Esq, etc…), Titles (Dr., PHD, etc..), and punctuation or spaces from the end of the last name. Special characters that are part of the last name are appropriate to include ( ‘, - , space between names if not hyphenated)
2. Value representing control counts:
   1. Page 50:  The Data Element Description for Data Element ID = CH instructs the SE to place the value CC in this field.  This value should be **CD**.
   2. Page 51:  The Data Element Description for Data Element ID = CH instructs the SE to place the value CC in this field.  This value should be **CD**.
   3. Page 52:  The Data Element Description for Data Element ID = CH instructs the SE to place the value CC in this field.  This value should be **CD**.
   4. Page 53:  The Data Element Description for Data Element ID = CH instructs the SE to place the value CC in this field.  This value should be **CD**.
   5. Page 54:  The Data Element Description for Data Element ID = CH instructs the SE to place the value CC in this field.  This value should be **CD**.
   6. Page 55:  The Data Element Description for Data Element ID = CH instructs the SE to place the value CC in this field.  This value should be **CD**.
3. Pharmacy Versioning Approach 7 wording correction
   1. Current wording:  “To identify a pharmacy claim version, the following steps occur:
      1. PC107 - Carrier Specific Unique Member ID
      2. PC018 - Pharmacy Number,
      3. **PC028** - Date Prescription Filled,
      4. PC058 - Script Number, and
      5. PC028 - Fill Number are grouped”
   2. Revised wording:  “To identify a pharmacy claim version, the following steps occur:
      1. PC107 - Carrier Specific Unique Member ID
      2. PC018 - Pharmacy Number,
      3. **PC032** - Date Prescription Filled,
      4. PC058 - Script Number, and
      5. PC028 - Fill Number are grouped”
4. Last Activity Date:  If the data’s source system has a last activity date (or a date that marks when a data component changed), this date should be used for ME056 only when Arkansas APCD member data element changes or the member disenrolls (then it should be the same date as ME163A).  If a non-APCD field in the source system changes, leave ME056 unchanged from previous submissions.

Remember:

* Exceptions cannot be requested for any data element in the DSG when valid values and/or default values are specified and null or blanks is not allowed.
* Custom codes for data elements such as Bill-Type, diagnosis codes, procedure codes, CPT codes, etc., will be considered for addition to the Arkansas APCD reference repository.  Work with the Arkansas APCD team to review and assess need/relevance to determine if custom codes can be added.

**AR APCD Team**