



Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Educational Forum Status Update (Informational Only)

April 11, 2017

Board Members Present	Board Members Present (via phone)	ACHI/AID Staff Present
Greg Bledsoe (UAMS) Renee Mallory (ADH)	Jill Arnold (Consumer Reports) Jeff Brinsfield (QualChoice) Cal Kellogg (BCBS) Sally Welborn (Walmart)	Leisa Carter (AID) (via phone) Kathy Hart (ACHI) Dan Honey (AID) (via phone) Suzanne McCarthy (ACHI) Kenley Money (ACHI) Pader Moua (ACHI) Nikki Patterson (ACHI) Dr. Joe Thompson (ACHI) Izzy Whittington (ACHI) Craig Wilson (ACHI)

I. Welcome

The meeting convened at approximately 3:04 p.m. Nikki Patterson recorded the minutes.

Agenda items included:

- Data Request Approvals
- Data Intake Update
- Legislative Update
- Reporting/Analyses
- Data Requests
- Other Items
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II. Data Request Approvals

Craig Wilson provided an update on the data request approvals noting that some are ongoing uses and others are still in the process of being fulfilled. Data was provided to the Bureau of Legislative Research particularly on Private Option, with the data use agreement being extended until September 2017 (funding through Insurance Department ends). Data was provided to AID's Data Analyst in the Regulatory Link Division who does qualified health plan reporting. Mathematica's funding mechanism is still being discussed between the federal government and Mathematica. The most recent approved data request was Harvard. ACHI is working with Harvard to do analyses on payment transformation efforts but more specifically the patient

centered medical home program and the episodes of care. There is some need to assess successes and failures of those programs across public and private sectors.

Dr. Thompson reminded the board that the requests that have high priority for state government did not come through the board's assessment process.

III. Data Intake Update

Kenley Money provided an update on the data intake status noting historical data feeds are still in progress. Data will not be presented as a whole, instead updates will be delivered on quarterly submissions. We're at 95% of expected covered lives.

Data receipt and validation is in progress for the new data. The database will be updated once it's validated. Claim versioning will be implemented in the next 3-6 months.

IV. Legislative Update

Dr. Thompson provided an update on the bills that were passed during the legislative session. Senate Bill 565 is now Act 970 which strengthens licensing board requirements. Senate Bill 566 is now Act 979 which allows integration of uninsured hospital discharge in emergency hospital visits into the APCD which now gives site of individuals using hospital based services that lack insurance coverage. Other additions include cancer registry which includes stage of diagnoses to and other important elements to be able to be paired with an initial claim of a specific type of cancer and that individual treatment profile will be able to be tracked for it. Birth and death registries were put in place and with this we'll be better able to determine folks that died out of the system for various reasons. Senate Bill 769 is now Act 948 to enable thru a secure de-identified mechanism using a hashed ID the incorporation of flag in the APCD for individuals that the Health Department has certified as being users of marijuana. Craig added that people may be able to apply for qualifying patient status beginning on July 1. Department of Health will not issue any cards until there is a dispensary available.

V. Reporting/Analyses

Craig Wilson shared with the board analyses done looking across public and private sectors and across individual private payers to see what time to paid claim was for the different payers. Dr. Thompson added that this was a question requested by The Medical Society to know what the responsiveness was of various carriers by time to payment.

VI. Data Requests

The Data Request list was included with the meeting invite. Although not considered requests, there were two entity approaches for data procurement to be better able to understand what providers are now serving those individuals and how they might project a future cost trend in their proposed development.

VII. Other Items

Legislature passed an appropriation for 3.2 million for the Healthcare Transparency Initiative fund. This is only a pipeline through which funding can flow but only if there is money allocated to it. We're still in the process of figuring out how to sustain us over time inclusive of some the data requests included on meeting invite.

The meeting ended at 3:54 p.m. The next meeting will be held on July 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.