



# Quarterly Newsletter

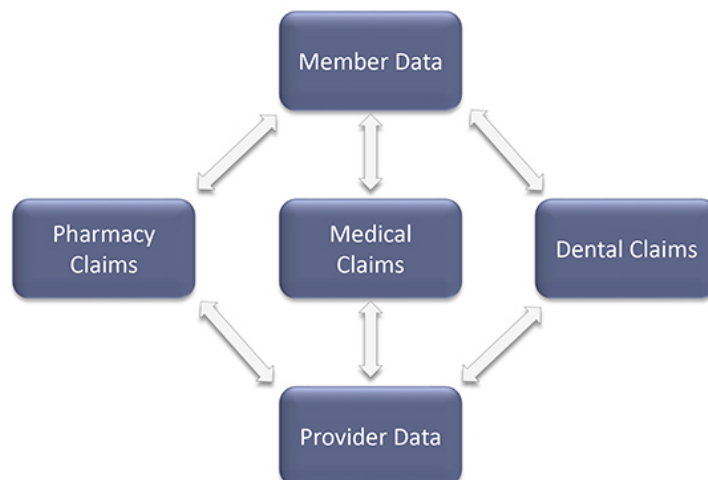
Summer 2017

**Welcome** to the first issue of the Arkansas APCD Newsletter! This quarterly web publication will provide status updates and other important information to the Arkansas APCD submitting entities. Thank you for your participation and hard work as we improve healthcare transparency in Arkansas.

## ***About the Arkansas APCD***

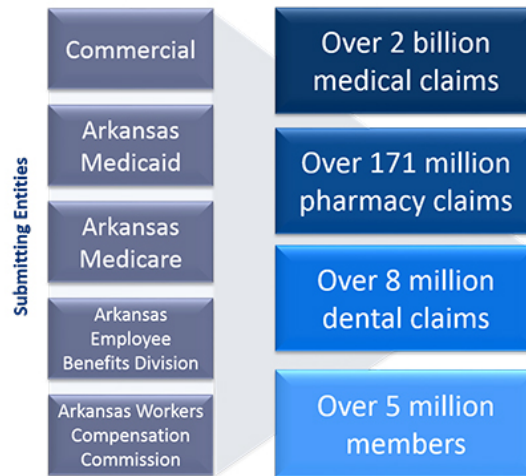
The Arkansas All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) is enabled by the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative. The vision of the Arkansas APCD is to help empower Arkansans to seek out value in the health care system as part of the Arkansas Health Information Transparency Initiative. Its mission is to serve 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 enabling 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 health care utilization and access questions.



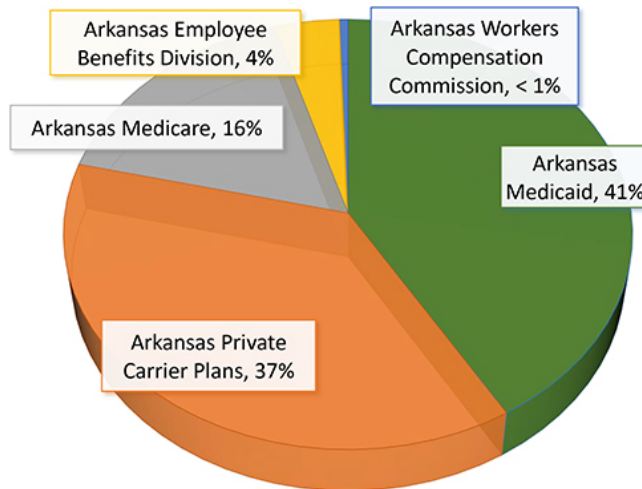
Since the Arkansas APCD began collecting data, it has compiled over two billion rows of data across all categories. The graphic below illustrates the

**Arkansas APCD Data & Members  
2013 through 2016**



Member distribution by submitting entity varies, as illustrated in the graphic below. The unique combination of Arkansas APCD data sources, including Arkansas Medicaid, Arkansas Medicare, Arkansas Employee Benefits Division (Arkansas's state insurance plan), Arkansas private carriers, and Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission, provides comprehensive information representing several areas of the Arkansas population for research and evaluation.

**Arkansas APCD Member Distribution**



The Arkansas APCD recently published the following reports [here](#):

- Arkansas Medicare HbA1c Utilization
- Arkansas Medicare Diabetes
- Arkansas Medicare Provider Episode – Bilateral Cataract Removal with Lens Implant
- Arkansas Medicare Chronic Conditions

***Arkansas Data Submission Guide Change***

In mid-March, a technical revision was released as Arkansas DSG Version 5.1.2017, adding the member level HIOS ID\* for qualified health plan (QHP) identification. The new HIOS ID will be required as part of the submitted member data beginning with the June 30, 2017 data submission.

\*The HIOS identifier is a unique alpha numeric code assigned to qualified health plans for the Marketplace Exchange. The changes identified in Arkansas APCD DSG 5.1.2017 are required for the June 30, 2017 data submission.

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## UPCOMING DATES

**June 30, 2017:** Quarter 2, 2017, data submission  
Data required: January 1, 2017 - March 31, 2017,  
HIOS ID data element (ME992) required for QHPs

**September 30, 2017:** Quarter 3, 2017, data submission  
Data required: April 1, 2017 - June 30, 2017

**December 1, 2017:** 2018 Arkansas APCD Data Submission Guide version 6.0.2018 release

**December 31, 2017:** Quarter 4, 2017, data submission  
Data required: July 1, 2017 - September 30, 2017

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### Upcoming Webinars

Summer SE Workgroup:  
[Thursday, July 20, 2017, 1 pm CDT](#)  
United States: +1 (646) 749-3112  
Access Code: 780-102-845

## WEBINAR



Participation is optional but encouraged.

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Submitting entities are invited to take part in a survey designed to collect information about data and processing that will help inform and enrich the validation, processing, and usage of submitted data. We will use your input to develop strategies addressing these subjects. We will always provide an opportunity for your feedback about issues and process improvements.

Access this month's survey [here](#).

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

