



ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE BOARD QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome! Here we will provide status updates and other important information about the Arkansas APCD. Thank you for your participation and hard work as we improve healthcare transparency in Arkansas.

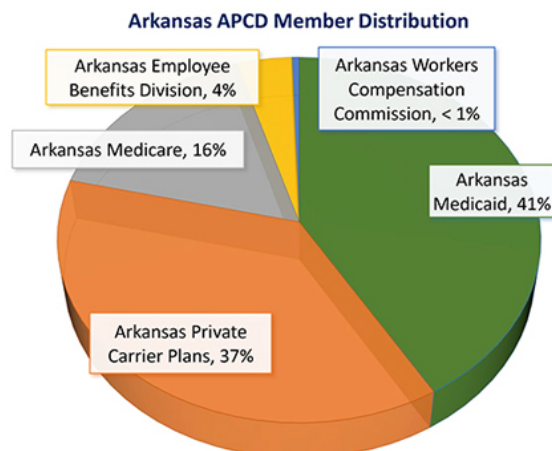
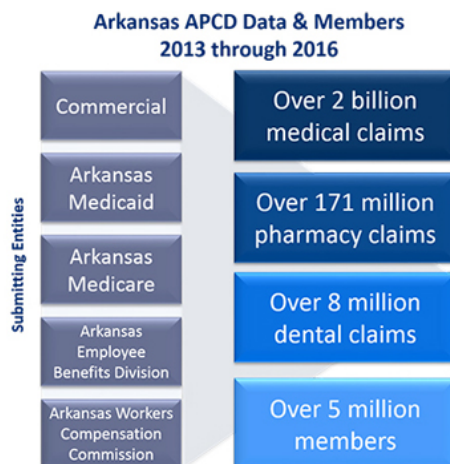
Arkansas Data Submission Guide Update

The next version of the Data Submission Guide (DSG), 6.0.2018, [is now available](#). In this version, the Arkansas APCD team has added a few new fields to the end of each record to accommodate potential member ID changes resulting from system changes.

The biggest change in the new DSG is in control count files requirements. The new process will reduce the number of required files submitted and make it easier for both submitting entities and the Arkansas APCD team to submit data.

Current Data Coverage Status and Member Distribution

The Arkansas APCD has been collecting data for almost two years. Data coverage begins with 2013 and extends into 2017, with the most complete coverage for years 2013-2016. The graphics below illustrate the data coverage to date.



The Arkansas APCD recently published the following to the [Reports and Maps](#) page:

- Data Watch: [EpiPen® and EpiPen® Jr Cost Trends in Arkansas](#)
- Data Watch: [Days to Paid Claim by Payer – Professional/Office](#)
- Chronic Condition Maps:
 - [Asthma](#)
 - [Breast Cancer](#)
 - [Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease \(COPD\)](#)
 - [Coronary Heart Disease](#)
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Price Transparency & Physician Quality Report Card 2017



Altarum's Center for Payment Innovation (formerly the Health Care Incentives Improvement Institute) and Catalyst for Payment Reform (CPR) recently released its annual report, which provides information on how readily consumers could find healthcare price and quality information in every state. Arkansas fell from a D to an F, despite the fact that it has implemented an APCD, because it is still in the process of developing and releasing a consumer website with price or quality information. Access the report [here](#).

Improving Healthcare Efficacy and Efficiency Through Increased Transparency

The American College of Physicians released a position paper that examines price transparency as an important component to address patient costs and maintain accountability in the healthcare system.



Congratulations to Kenley Money on being named to the National Association of Health Data Organizations' board.

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 4, 2017: Dr. Joe Thompson will present an overview of the APCD to the Joint Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

Dec. 5, 2017: Dr. Joe Thompson will present an overview of the APCD to the Joint Committee on Insurance and Commerce

Jan. 16, 2018, 3-4:30 p.m.: Healthcare Transparency Initiative Board Meeting

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.

