



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.

National Association of Health Data Organization Guest Blog































Dr. Joe Thompson discusses how the APCD is being expanded this year to include cancer and medical marijuana registry data, among other things. [NAHDO GUEST BLOG: New Components Added to Arkansas's APCD](#)



2018 Health Datapalooza



Members of the APCD team attended the 2018 Health Datapalooza to promote the Arkansas APCD. Health Datapalooza is a meeting for a diverse community who share a mission to use data to improve health and healthcare. Several contacts were made, many are interested in APCD data.

	 MEDICAL	 PHARMACY	 DENTAL	 ENROLLMENT	 PROVIDER
COMMERCIAL 4,824,781 Covered Individuals	 2013 - 2017	 2013 - 2017	 2013 - 2017	 2013 - 2017	 2013 - 2017
ARKANSAS MEDICAID 1,427,441 Covered Individuals	 2013 - 2017	 2013 - 2017	 2013 - 2017	 2013 - 2017	 2013 - 2017
MEDICARE 611,466 Covered Individuals	 2013 - 2016	 2013 - 2016		 2013 - 2016	
ARKANSAS STATE/ SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 193,662 Covered Individuals	 2013 - 2017	 2013 - 2017		 2013 - 2017	
ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION 26,707 Covered Individuals	 2013 - 2017				

The Arkansas APCD has been collecting data for more than two years. Data coverage begins with 2013 and extends through 2017.

Arkansas Data Submission Guide Update

The latest version, 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.

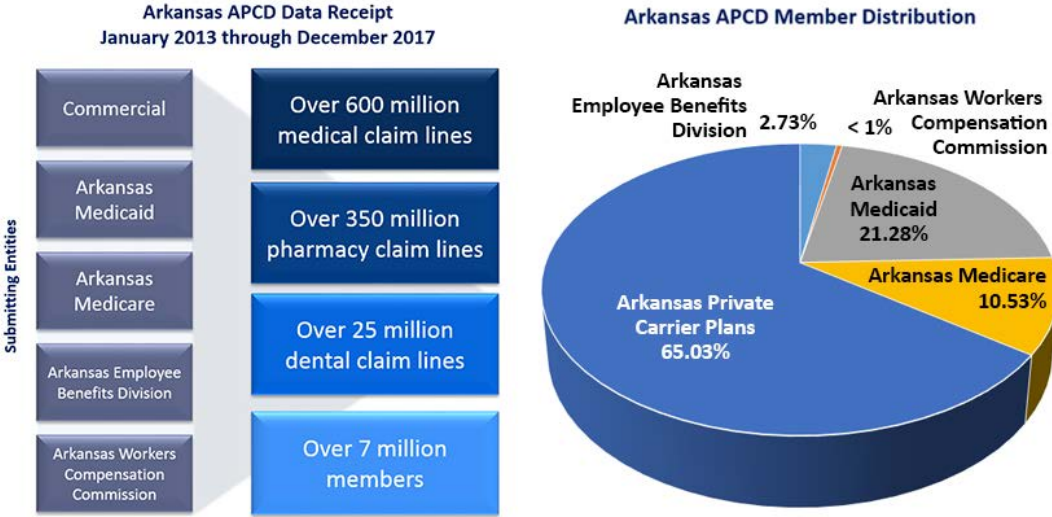
The biggest change in the new guide is a modification in requirements for control count files. This new process reduces the number of required files to be submitted and makes it easier for submitting entities and the Arkansas APCD team to validate data.

A technical change to DSG 6.0.2018 was published on January 29, 2018. Submitting entities should expect another technical change to be published in May. This change should have no impact on current submitting entities. It is being released in anticipation of data receipt from managed care organizations that will begin submitting data in the near future.

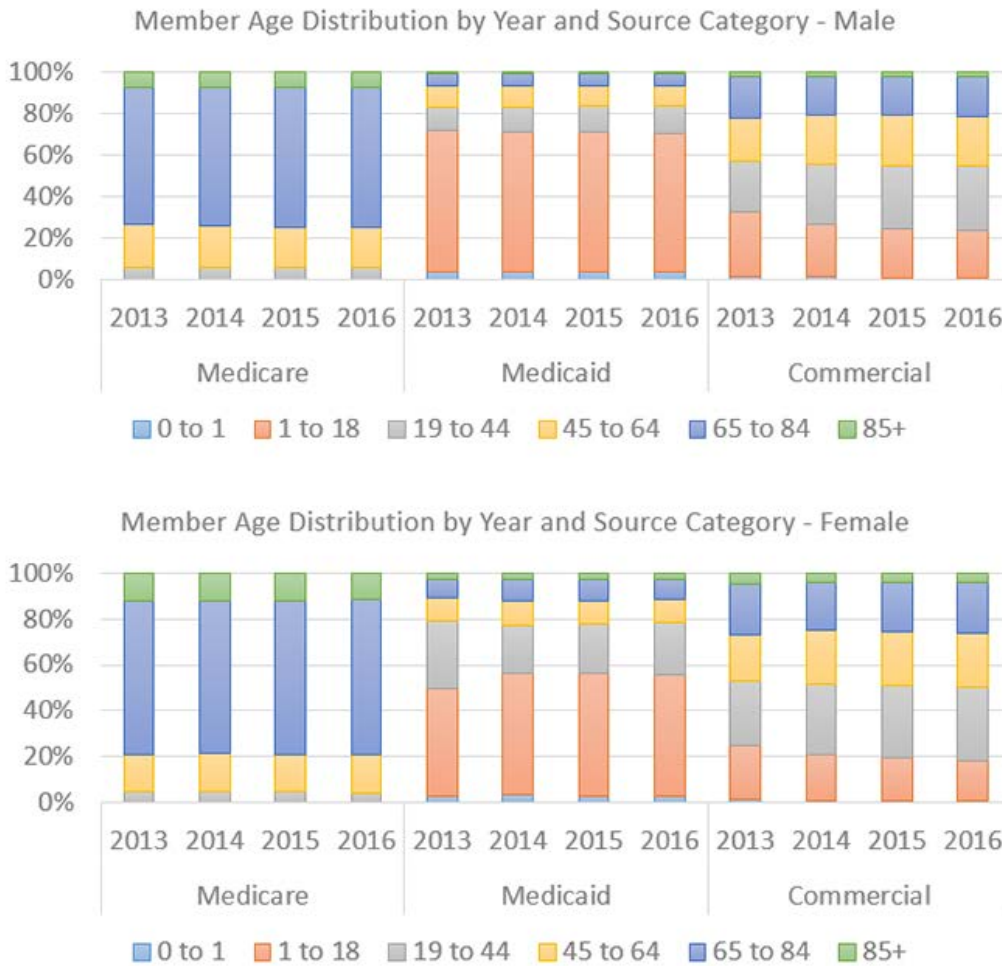
Current Data Coverage Status and Member Distribution

The Arkansas APCD has been collecting data for over two years. Data coverage begins with 2013 and extends through 2017. The graphics below illustrate data submission counts and member distribution to date. The Arkansas APCD team has implemented an improved data collection process with Arkansas Medicaid, which changed the amount of medical claim data received. The medical claim data feeds previously included supporting data that had to be combined to create the APCD submission. The new submission

eliminates the extra data and aggregation processes—improving APCD processing efficiency.



Additionally, we have included two graphs to illustrate the distribution of members by age and gender between commercial, Arkansas Medicaid, and Arkansas Medicare. Note, these distributions stopped at 2016 because Arkansas Medicare data is not yet available for 2017.



Arkansas APCD Reports

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

- Reports:
 - [Prevalence of Breast Cancer in Arkansas](#)
 - [Arkansas APCD - Biennial Report 2017](#)
 - [Arkansas APCD - Profiles of Individuals Registered for Medical Marijuana](#)
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UPCOMING DATES

July 10, 2018, 3-4:00 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.



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