

Washington State All-Payer Health Care Claims Database (WA-APCD) Overview

What is the WA-APCD?

Chapter 43.371 of the RCW directs the Office of Financial Management to establish the WA-APCD to support transparent reporting of health information. The purpose of the WA-APCD is to:

- Assist patients, providers and hospitals to make informed choices about care
- Enable providers, hospitals and communities to improve by benchmarking their performance against that of others by focusing on best practice
- Enable purchasers to identify value, build expectations into their purchasing strategy and reward improvements over time
- Promote competition based on quality and cost

Who is developing and managing the WA-APCD for Washington state?

OFM contracted with Center for Health Systems Effectiveness (CHSE) at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) to serve as the **lead organization**, and CHSE subcontracted with Onpoint Health Data as the **data vendor** and Forum One for **website development**.



CHSE has been a leader in finding better ways to deliver health care through the effective use of data.

Onpoint Health Data first developed a multi-payer claims database in Maine in 1994 and has since implemented seven APCDs.



Forum One is a full service digital agency working with mission-driven organizations to communicate their data through technology and design.

Do you know...

...how much statin therapy or diabetes

HbA1c tests cost?

...what the 30-day hospital readmission rate is in your county or ACH?



Could you use WA-APCD data in your work?

APCD data in other states is used for:

- Creating price transparency
- Monitoring state-level payment and delivery reform initiatives
- Promoting population health efforts – incidence, prevalence, quality and utilization
- Examining long-term patient outcomes
- Informing common performance measure reporting on health care quality and cost

How can people access the data?

- OHSU will have a dedicated website for the WA-APCD available in Fall 2017
- Reports and information on price, quality, and utilization will be made available online on the WA-APCD website
- Data requests for access to the datasets can be made to CHSE for review and approval
- The data request process will be defined and posted on the WA-APCD website when the data is available

Who is using APCD data in other states?

- Businesses and other purchasers of health care services
- State and local agencies
- Insurance carriers
- Researchers – academic, think tank and others

What data will the WA-APCD contain?

The WA-APCD will include claims data from:

- Medicaid, Medicare, PEBB, and Labor and Industries
- Washington's commercial payers

The types of information that will be included in the WA-APCD are:

- Covered medical services claims
- Cost data including billed, allowed, and paid
- Pharmacy claims
- Dental claims
- Member eligibility and enrollment data
- Provider data
- Historical claims starting from January 1, 2013

When will data from the WA-APCD be made available?

- Late 2017

Will there be a cost to purchase data?

- Yes
- Fee amounts will be established early next year and will be posted on the WA-APCD website when available

What products will be available from the WA-APCD?

- Free health care price and quality reports
- WA State Common Measure Set Reports on Health Care Quality and Cost
- Data sets
- Customizable reports