

CENTER FOR HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY
Meeting Summary
Regional Data Center Collaborative
SubGroup 2: Claims Data
September 16, 2014

Attendees: Ariel Klein, CHPI, Jason Buckner, HealthBridge, Suzanne Brown, HealthInsight, Galina Priloutskaya, HealthInsight, Judy Loren, MHMC, Tony Weldon, Minnesota Community Measurement, Carolyn Olsen, WHIO, Kristy Thornton, PBGH

Introductions were made and participants discussed their individual goals for the work of the group regarding claims data.

Members are currently using claims data for a range of purposes including pricing visibility, assessing cost variability between providers, provider quality reporting, identifying high value specialists, comparing providers' long-term costs for caring for different types of patients across episodes of care, payment reform; and assessing Medicaid usage rates of new beneficiaries.

Review of Role and Deliverables:

Participant Role: The group will be sharing materials on various claims related topics and making consensus recommendations for best practices. There is a bigger picture goal in mapping out a course for transparency. The group will be working to gain efficiencies by working together while respecting the individual characteristics of participant agencies.

Resource library: The group will be comparing and contrasting potential best practices, recommend a single or composite document and what to include documents to include in the resource library.

Deliverables:

There was agreement that we essentially had the right list of topics to cover, with a few modifications suggested by members of the group, including adding:

- the topic of how analyzing subsets of data can compromise a group's ability to draw conclusions about the full data set
- documenting the resources required (skills and money) for different types of analysis, quality assurance, etc. so that expectations are appropriate.
- adding the integration of claims and clinical data
- moving the integration of clinical and patient reported data to another group

Additional discussion:

There was a discussion of considering specific data uses and limitations and how that may impact the work of the group.

There may be some use in compiling a compendium or matrix of reporting scenarios and the use limitations that may be encountered.

Clinical useful of claims data? Can be an issue for practices and can have a profound impact for this project so should be included at some point.

Claims data at the provider level has been a challenge to obtain in Minnesota.

Practices and providers often don't know what to do with claims/quality information. If a practice has deficiencies that are highlighted by claims data they may need guidance on how to improve. Where does that guidance come from? Although it does not fall strictly in this domain, may be relevant to discuss in a later session.

Next Steps

Next meeting is October 14th. Prewrite will be circulated.

Logistics

Group members can submit materials via email to hwall@nrhi.org or to the online repository once set up. Members are welcome to sit in on other subgroup meetings and/or invite other colleagues to the clinical Subgroup based on the topic.