APCD DATA ACCESS PROGRAMS

Background and Overviews

California

In March 2020, the California Office of State Health Planning and Data issued its Report to the Legislature describing key aspects of the Health Care Payments Data Program. Chapter 9 addresses Data Governance and covers data use, access and release (see sections starting on page 131). Topics include an overview of types of data products, data request applications, data use agreements, the role of a data release committee. The section also describes the collection and use of payment data.

https://oshpd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/HPD-Legislative-Report-20200306-ADA.pdf

Alaska

The Alaska Healthcare Transformation Project released a December 2020 study of the potential for a state mandated Alaska APCD.

The study reviewed data access policies and identified elements that AK would need to consider, including policy, policies and documentation to support requests, decision making about specific requests, special considerations for Alaska and principles for success. See pp 40-43 of the report here:

http://www.akhealthcaretransformation.com/assessing-the-feasibility-of-a-sustainable-alaska-all-payer-claims-database/

Data Access Program Materials

Colorado's Center for Improving Value in Health Care operates a robust data access program. The program serves a broad array of users who will use the data to improve health or health outcomes for Colorado residents. The Get Data page Https://www.civhc.org/get-data/custom-data/ includes links to explanatory materials on topics such as privacy and security, data release committee policies and procedures, and an overview of regulatory and legal issues, among others.
"Get Data": Https://www.civhc.org/get-data/custom-data/

The **Maryland Health Care Commission** displays the step-by-step process for requesting files from its Medical Care Database, the types of files available and links to required documents. This description will assist new APCDs in understanding the components of a data release process and the timeline for completion. See:
https://mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/pages/apcd/apcd_data_release/apcd_data_release_mcdb.aspx

HealthFacts RI, the state's APCD, provides access under rules issued by the Department of Health. The website lists types of data products and application materials, including a data use agreement, application forms and a data management plan template.
https://health.ri.gov/data/healthfactsri/

Delaware's Health Care Claims Database, managed by the Delaware Health Information Network, provides application materials, including an application, data use agreement, and business rules for reviewing data requests.
See: https://dhin.org/healthcare-claims-database/