Public comment period

Washington All-Payer Health Care Claims Database (WA-APCD) annual reports

Background

Through Friday, February 5, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (Pacific), the Health Care Authority (HCA) is seeking public comment on the below list of reports and deliverables to be produced during calendar year 2021. These reports utilize data from the Washington All-Payer Health Care Claims Database (WA-APCD) under RCW Chapter 43.371.060 (1)(b).

How to provide public comment

Email feedback to HCA through Friday, February 5, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (Pacific).

	Report Name	Report Description
1.	Washington State Common Measures Set for Health Care Quality and Cost	The Washington State Common Measures Set for Health Care Quality and Cost Performance will be reported on the Washington HealthCare Compare website and publicly available via a Public Use File (see below). The Common Measures Set will be reported at multiple levels of accountability including statewide, Accountable Communities for Health regions, and market sectors. Provider-specific quality performance results are included here and in reports listed below.
2.	Facility-Based Price & Quality Transparency Report	Common shoppable procedures and services provided in the inpatient and outpatient facility setting will be available to the public free on Washington HealthCare Compare. The cost metrics, which are provider-specific, are consolidated all-insurer commercial allowed cost amounts. Shoppable services examples include vaginal delivery, C-section, hip replacement, knee replacement, knee arthroscopy, colonoscopy, mammography, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), and ultrasounds. The cost metrics will be created using the 3M All Patient Refined Diagnostic Related Groups (APR-DRG) grouper to construct hospital inpatient episodes and same-day event logic will be used to construct outpatient treatment and diagnostic service bundles. Hospital quality results -- patient experience, complications, and outcomes measures -- will be sourced from the Washington State Hospital Association and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). A hospital summary quality performance indicator – an aggregation of individual quality measure scores -- also will be reported. Hospital quality measures will be facility not procedure specific. These performance results will be free to the public on Washington HealthCareCompare.

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3.	Professional Services Price & Quality Transparency Reporting	Medical practice quality performance will be reported based on a set of Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) and other quality measures. A medical practice summary quality performance indicator – an aggregation of individual quality measure scores -- also will be reported. Medical practices, comprised of four or more primary care practitioners, are reportable organizations. The cost of ambulatory, office-based care services will be reported at the county level. Examples of ambulatory services cost metrics include allowed cost amounts for common office and preventative visits, behavioral services, and ambulatory-based therapeutic services such as physical therapy. Cost of care will be based on allowed amount for services specified by Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes. The cost metrics, which are area-specific, not provider-specific, are consolidated all-insurer commercial allowed cost amounts. These performance results will be free to the public on Washington HealthCareCompare.
4.	Person-Level Analytic File	Person-level analytic file reporting per person cost and utilization performance. These data will contain Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant information, including a person's: gender, age group (<18, 18-44, 45-64, 65+ years), payer type, attribution to medical practice, coverage time period, total cost, inpatient cost, outpatient facility cost, professional cost, prescription cost, other cost, inpatient charges, inpatient days, Emergency Department (ED) visits, primary care visits, medical specialist visits, surgical specialist visits, and advanced imaging services (MRI, CT scan). These performance data will be available to WA-APCD data clients for a fee.
5.	Analytic Enclave	The Analytic Enclave is a managed, cloud-based platform, which houses the all-payer data and a set of analytic tools for Enclave subscribers. The Analytic Enclave includes January 2013 – the most current quarterly data submission (submitted by 51 insurers. These performance data are available to WA-APCD data clients for a fee.
5a.	Analytic Enclave – Standard Datasets	To meet data analytic needs of various WA data clients/state agencies/stakeholders, the following standard extracts are delivered to the analytic enclave on a quarterly basis: - Limited Use: Cost and Provider Information - Limited Use: Cost, no Provider Information
6.	Custom Datasets	WA-APCD data is also leveraged to meet the needs of custom data requests that cannot be fulfilled by the above-listed standard analytic enclave extracts. These custom extracts are available to WA-APCD data clients for a fee.
7.	Quality and Cost Summary Report / Public Use File	All of the cost and quality measures results, reported on the Washington HealthCareCompare site, will be free to the public via a downloadable Public Use File on the website.
8.	Completeness Report	This report is created to better understand the completeness/ percentage of data elements populated across the four WA-APCD file types – eligibility, medical, pharmacy and dental. Also reported is the completeness of data elements that data suppliers use to report their provider information.
9.	Medicare Common Measures Set Reporting	Using measure scoring methodologies, results for this report will be inclusive of those Common Measure Set results relevant for Medicare population.

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10.	Air Ambulance Report	This report makes information about claims data related to the provision of air ambulance service available free to the public on Washington HealthCareCompare in a searchable format by geographic region and provider.