**Massachusetts All-Payer Claims Database:**  
Technical Assistance Group (TAG) - August 13, 2013

**AGENDA**

* Staff Update
* Testing Version 3.0
* Data Intake Governance Committee
* Highlight of the Month – Health Policy Commission Cost Trends Project

**Staff Updates**

**TESTING VERSION 3.0**

* TESTING PROCESS
* FORMAT TESTING
* EDIT TESTING
  + Category A Edits
  + Category B and C Edits
  + VARIANCE Reporting

**APCD Data Intake Governance Committee**

* Advance the goal of administrative simplification
* Provide a forum to discuss possible future data needs and monitor data quality
* Give key APCD users a role in APCD data governance

**APCD Data Intake Governance Committee Participants**

* MA Health Connector
* Department of Public Health
* Division of Insurance
* Group Insurance Commission
* Health Policy Commission
* State Auditor
* Administration and Finance
* CHIA – Health Finance and Analysis
* CHIA – Health System Performance

**APCD Data Intake Governance Committee Responsibility**

* Field requests for new/modified data elements
* Field requests on data resubmissions for prior years
* Seek consensus on definitions of data elements common across state agencies
* Review drafts of Administrative Bulletins and Data Submission Guidelines
* Receive periodic reports on compliance and data validation
* Review variance and exemption requests from payers and recommend approval/disapproval to CHIA staff

**APCD Data Intake Governance**

* Data Intake: New fields/edits
* Data Compliance
* Data Validation

**Data Validation – Multi-prong Approach**

**Highlight of the Month:** **Health Policy Commission** **Cost Trends**

**APCD: DATA EVOLUTION**

**INTAKE**

* 2010 – 2012
* 2013 – V. 3.0
  + FILE LEVEL REVIEW
  + FIELD EDITS
  + THRESHOLDS/VARIANCES
  + TAGS/LIAISON PARTNERSHIPS
* **STRUCTURAL** **QUALITY**
* 2012 - 2013
  + PROFILE REPORTS
  + VOLUME REPORTS
  + DATA DICTIONARY
  + QA FIELD REVIEW BY YEAR
  + QA CROSS FILE REVIEW

**VALIDATION**

* 2013 - 2014
  + TOTAL MEDICAL EXPENSES
  + MA HEALTH CONNECTOR
  + DIVISION OF INSURANCE
  + **HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION**
  + GROUP INSURANCE COMMISSION

**HPC COST TRENDS**

* HPC, CHIA, Lewin Group
* Kick-Off Meeting 8/6/13
* APCD Data Evaluation – Sept 2013
* Medical Cost Trends & Utilization – Dec 2013
* Discussions with payers on findings
* Final Report and Analytics

**Administrative Simplification At Work**

**Selected Data Elements in the APCD**

**Connector/Risk Adjustment for ACA**Indicator Purchased thru HIX, Actuarial Value, Tobacco Use

**Division of Insurance**NAIC Code

**Group Insurance Commission**

GIC ID

**CHIA for Total Medical Expense, Cost Trends**Non Claims Payments, Payment Arrangement Type

**Connector and DOI**Monthly Premium, Employer ZIP, Family Size

**Connector, DOI and GIC**

Market Category Code

All Payer Claims Data Base

**Private and Public Payers**

**Connector, CHIA and DOI**

Employer Contribution

**Health Policy Commission**Total Medical Expense

Figure 1 - Selected Data Elements graphic

**WRAP-UP - QUESTIONS?**

**Email Questions**

* **Questions emailed to CHIA (**[**CHIA-APCD@state.ma.us**](mailto:CHIA-APCD@state.ma.us)**).**
* **Questions on the Data Release and Application emailed to CHIA (**[**apcd.data@state.ma.us**](mailto:apcd.data@state.ma.us)**)**

**TAG SCHEDULE**

* **SEPTEMBER 10 at 10:00 AM**
* **OCTOBER 8 at 2:00 PM**