

INTRODUCTION TO THE WASHINGTON STATE ALL-PAYER CLAIMDATABASE RULES

BACKGROUND

In 2014, the Washington State Legislature passed Chapter 223, Laws of 2014 (E2SHB 2572). Codified as chapter 43.371 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), the bill directed the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to establish and write rules for the Washington State All-Payer Health Care Claims Database (WA-APCD).

RCW 43.371 directed OFM to adopt any rules necessary to implement this chapter including:

- Definition of claim and data files that data suppliers must submit to the database, including: files for covered medical services, pharmacy claims, and dental claims; member eligibility and enrollment data; and provider data with necessary identifiers [RCW 43.371.070(1)(a)] ;
- Deadlines for submission of claim files [RCW 43.371.070(1)(b)];
- Penalties for failure to submit claim files as required [RCW 43.371.070(1)(c)];
- Penalties associated with inappropriate disclosures or uses of direct patient identifiers, indirect patient identifiers, and proprietary financial information [RCW 43.371.070(1)(h)];
- Procedures for ensuring that all data received from data suppliers are securely collected and stored in compliance with state and federal law [RCW 43.371.070(1)(d)];
- Procedures for ensuring compliance with state and federal privacy laws [RCW 43.371.070(1)(e)];
- Reasons to decline a request for data [RCW 43.371.050(2)];
- A format for the calculation and display of aggregate cost data consistent with this act that will prevent the disclosure or determination of proprietary financial information [RCW 43.371.050(6)];
- Procedures for establishing appropriate fees [RCW 43.371.070(1)(f)]; and
- Procedures for data release [RCW 43.371.070(g)].

OFM planned to adopt the rules in three phases for Chapter 82-75 WAC

PHASE I started in July 2015 and finished January 2016. Phase I rules were required to implement and submit data to the WA-APCD.

PHASE II began in February 2016 and finished in October 2016. Phase II rules were required to release data from database and establish the WA-APCD program. Input from the lead organization was necessary for these rules.

PHASE III began in October 2016 and continued through mid-2018. After Phase 3 was completed, rules were reviewed to determine if any technical changes were needed.

HCA Rule making

In 2019, the Legislature directed OFM to transfer WA-APCD oversight to the Health Care Authority (HCA) on Jan. 1, 2020.

In February 2021, HCA begun rulemaking on WAC 182-70-030 additional definitions authorized by chapter 43.371 RCW to define a minimum reporting threshold below which a data supplier is not required to submit data. To learn more about this rule see <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/law/wsr/2021/04/21-04-121.htm>

Please let HCA know if you wish to actively participate in future rule-making processes by submitting your comments. Send an email indicating your interest to apcd@hca.wa.gov.

To learn more about the HCA rules related to the WA-APCD you may:

- Send HCA an email with your questions to apcd@hca.wa.gov
- Send HCA an email to sign up on the WA-APCD listserv. We will send you rule making information, including hearing dates and the drafts of the rules for your comments.
- E-mail Lorie Geryk, WA-APCD Program Manager at lorie.geryk@hca.wa.gov for information.