

INTRODUCTION TO THE WASHINGTON STATE ALL-PAYER CLAIM DATABASE 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 directs 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 directs 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)].

The OFM Director may expand the mandate for claims data submission by rule to include any health plans or health benefit plans defined in RCW 48.43.005(26) (a) through (i) to accomplish the goals of this chapter set forth in RCW 43.371.020(1).

In addition to the rules listed above, OFM will adopt rules for the implementation of the WA-APCD to include:

- Definitions and requirements to maintain compliance with federal law regarding the submission and use of data related to certain chemical dependency/substance use disorder treatment claims
- Audit activities related to ensuring compliance with submission, release of data, use of data and destruction of data.

OFM plans 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 will continue through mid-2018. After Phase 3 is complete, rules will be reviewed to determine if any technical changes are needed.

Please let OFM know if you wish to actively participate in the rule-making process by submitting your comments. Send an email indicating your interest to apcd@ofm.wa.gov.

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

- Send OFM an email with your questions at apcd@ofm.wa.gov
- Sign up on the WA-APCD listserv at [GovDelivery](#). We will send you information on the rule, including hearing dates and the drafts of the rules for your comments.
- Call Mandy Stahre, WA-APCD Program Manager at 360-725-5517 for more information.