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**DELAWARE HEALTH CARE CLAIMS DATABASE  
DATA REQUEST APPLICATION**

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*Please use this application to submit information regarding your request for data or data access from the Delaware Health Care Claims Database (DE HCCD)*

## Information

16 Del.C. §10306 authorizes the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN) to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out its objectives under 16 Del.C. Ch. 103, Subchapter II. The Delaware Health Care Claims Database Data Access Regulation ([link: XXX](#)) describes how the DHIN may release HCCD data to requesting parties:

§ 3.1. HCCD data may be released to a person or organization for purposes of promoting and improving public health; advancing the “Triple Aim” of improving health, improving health care quality and experience, and improving affordability; and providing information to effectively manage risk for the health needs of a population.

§ 3.3 Except as otherwise specified in this Regulation, all requests for HCCD data or data access shall require a written application that describes the intended purpose and use of the data and the security and privacy measures that will be used to safeguard the data and prevent unauthorized access to or use of the data.

§ 3.4. Except as otherwise specified in this Regulation, all applications for HCCD data or data access shall be reviewed and considered by the Committee

§ 4.4 The Committee shall determine by majority vote whether an application should be approved. As part of their review, the Committee shall consider:

- Whether the intended use is consistent with the statutory purpose of the HCCD;
- Whether access to the requested data is necessary to achieve the intended goals, including but not limited to the need for identifiable data, if requested;
- Whether access to the requested data may provide an unfair competitive advantage to the requestor;
- Whether any comments regarding the data request were received from Reporting Entities whose Claims Data is being requested, if applicable;
- Whether the request complies with all applicable state and federal laws relating to the privacy and security of PHI;
- Whether the request complies, to the fullest extent practicable, with guidance found in Statement 6 of the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission Enforcement Policy regarding the exchange of price and cost information;
- Whether the applicant is qualified to serve as a responsible steward of the requested data.

The Committee will review the report for compliance with cell suppression rules (i.e. number of observations > 10) and omission of pricing information; and consistency with the purpose and methodology described in this application.

Successful applicants should allow **XX** months in their project timeline to permit this review.

## PART ONE (For All Data Requests)

### (A). Project Information

- 1) Today's Date:
- 2) Project Title:
- 3) Requesting Organization Name:
- 4) Requesting Organization Description:
- 5) Project Lead (Principal Investigator, Project Director, etc.):
- 6) Project Lead Title:
- 7) Person Responsible for the Project (if different from name above):
- 8) Title:
- 9) Phone Number:
- 10) Email Address:

### (B). Project Details

- 1) Briefly describe the overall project objective
- 2) Provide a brief description of how this project will promote and improve public health; advance the "Triple Aim" of improving health, improving health care quality and experience, and improving affordability; or how this project will provide information to effectively manage risk for the health needs of a population.
- 3) Do you need Protected Health Information (PHI)?
  - a. Do you need patient-specific dates (e.g., dates of service or DOB), city, or 5 digit zip code? If so, this is a request for a Limited Data Set.
  - b. Do you need direct patient identifiers such as name, address, or social security number? If so, this is a request for an Identified Data Set.
  - c. If you do not require any PHI, this is a request for De-Identified Data and you should only complete **PART ONE** of this application.

### (C). Distribution of the Report or Product:

If you are producing a report for publication in any medium (print, electronic, lecture, slides, etc.) the HCCD Committee must review the report prior to public release. The Committee will review the report for compliance with cell suppression rules and adherence to Statement 6 of the Department of Justice

and Federal Trade Commission Enforcement Policy regarding the exchange of price and cost information; and consistency with the purpose and methodology described in this application.

- 1) Please describe your audience and how you will make your project results or findings publicly available? Please include how you plan to comply with CMS cell suppression rules and Statement 6 of the Dept. of Justice and Federal Trade Commission Enforcement Policy, in your response.
- 2) If no findings will be made publicly available, then briefly describe how the information derived from HCCD data will be used and by whom.

#### (D). Request Parameters

- 1) Please select the type of data that you are requesting:

- De-Identified Data Set
- Limited Data Set\*
- Identified Data Set \*

\* These types of data include Protected Health Information (PHI). Under HIPAA, PHI may only be released in limited circumstances for public health, health care operations, and research purposes. These types of data sets require applicants to complete **PART TWO** and **PART THREE** of this application.

- 2) Date range or years of data requested:
- 3) Lines of Business requested (please list out: Medicaid FFS, Medicaid Managed Care, Qualified Health Plans, Medicare Advantage,):
- 4) Subset of medical claims requested, if applicable (e.g., “durable medical equipment only” or “inpatient services only.”
- 5) Geographic groupings requested, if applicable (e.g. county, health statistics region, three or five digit zip-code):
- 6) Age and/or gender stratifications requested, if applicable (NOTE: race and ethnicity data is not well-populated in the HCCD data and is therefore not available in a sufficient quantity):
- 7) Site of service detail requested, if applicable (examples include: All, hospital, free-standing facilities, office, etc.):
- 8) Pharmacy claims requested (Yes/No):
- 9) Please list specific diagnoses of interest, if any (e.g. ICD10 codes). Please note, if specific diagnoses are being requested, the data requestor must provide DHIN with the codes of interest.

10) Please list specific medical procedures codes of interest, if any. Please note, if specific medical procedure codes are being requested, the data requester must provide DHIN with the codes of interest.

11) How frequently will you need the data? (e.g. one-time, quarterly refresh, annual refresh)

### (E). Linkages to Other Data Sets

- 1) Will you link the HCCD data to another data source? If yes, please answer the following questions.
  - a. Which HCCD data elements will be used to perform the linkage?
  - b. Once the linkage is made, what non-HCCD data elements will appear in the new linked file?
  - c. Have all necessary approvals been obtained to receive and link with the other data files (e.g., IRB or Privacy Board approval)?

## PART TWO (Requests for Limited Data Sets and Identified Data)

### (A). Requested Data Elements

DHIN will only release the minimum necessary data elements required to complete the project. Use the Data Elements Request Form on the next page to circle the specific data elements that you require for your project. Use the space following the Form to explain why the selected data elements are required for the project's purpose.

## Data Elements Request Form

Eligibility File	Medical Claims File	Pharmacy Claims File	Provider File
Data Submitter Name	Data Submitter Name	Data Submitter Name	Data Submitter Name
Insurance/Product Type	Insurance/Product Type	Insurance/Product Type	Provider ID
HIX Offering?	Group or Policy Number	Group or Policy Number	Provider Tax ID
Group Size	SSN	SSN	Provider NPI
Risk Basis	Contract Number	Contract Number	Provider Entity Type
High-Deductible/HSA?	Member Name	Member Name	Provider Name
Actuarial Value	Member Number	Member Number	Provider Specialty
Metallic Tier/Value	Subscriber Name	Subscriber Name	Provider Address
Eligibility Period	Relationship to Insured	Relationship to Insured	Provider Office Address
Plan Effective Date	Gender	Gender	Provider State License number
Group or Policy Number	Date of Birth	Date of Birth	Provider Office Phone Number
Coverage Level	Member Address	Member Address	Provider DEA number
SSN	Patient Account Number	Pharmacy Number	
Contract Number	Service Provider Number	Pharmacy Tax ID	
Member Name	Service Provider Tax ID	Pharmacy Name	
Member Number	Service Provider NPI	Pharmacy Address	
Subscriber Name	Service Provider Entity Type	Prescribing Provider ID	
Relationship to Insured	Service Provider Name	Prescribing Physician NPI	
Gender	Service Provider Specialty	Prescribing Physician Name	
Date of Birth	Service Provider Address	Prescribing Provider DEA number	
Member Address	Billing Provider Number	Claim Number	
Type of Coverage	Billing Provider NPI	Claim Version Number	
Race	Billing Provider Name	Date Prescription Filled	
Hispanic Indicator	Claim Number	Prescription Written Date	
Ethnicity	Claim Version Number	Claim Status	
Primary Insurance Indicator	Date of Service	Drug Name	
Market Category Code	Admission Date	Drug Code	
Employer Tax ID	Admission Time	Quantity Dispensed / Days Supply?	
PCP NPI	Admission Type	Dispense as Written Code	
	Admission Source	New prescription or refill?	
	Discharge Date and Time	Generic Drug Indicator	
	Discharge Status	Compound Drug Indicator	
	Type of Bill	Charge Amount	
	Claim Status	Paid Amount	
	Admitting Diagnosis	Ingredient Cost/List Price	
	ICD-9/ICD-10 code(s)	Co-Pay Amount	
	Revenue Code	Co-Insurance Amount	
	Outpatient Provider Code (HCPCS)	Deductible Amount	
	Procedure Modifier(s)	Postage Amount Claimed	
	Date(s) of Service	Dispensing Fee	
	Quantify of Services		
	Patient Account Number		
	DRG		
	Ambulatory Payment Classification		
	NDC Drug Code		
	Present on Admission Diagnosis		
	Capitated Service Indicator		
	Provider-Network Indicator		
	Self-Funded Claim Indicator		
	Charge Amount		
	Paid Amount		
	Prepaid Amount		
	Co-Pay Amount		
	Co-Insurance Amount		
	Deductible Amount		
	Charge Amount		

## Justification for Requested Data Elements

## (F). Data Management and Security

### **Project Personnel:**

- 1) Who will serve as the data custodian (responsible for organizing, storing, and archiving the HCCD data):
- 2) Who will be responsible for ensuring that HCCD data is destroyed upon termination of the data use agreement:
- 3) List all project personnel who will have access to the HCCD data

### **Data Transfer, Storage, Access:**

- 1) How would you like the HCCD data to be transferred to your organization?
  - SFTP
  - External hard drive with encrypted data
- 2) How will HCCD data be stored by your organization (check all that apply)?
  - Secure server
  - Cloud-based system
  - Secure hard drive
  - External device
- 3) Please describe the security procedures in place to ensure that HCCD data will be sufficiently protected via this storage method.
- 4) How will project personal access the data?
- 5) How will access to HCCD data be restricted to only the individuals who require access?

### **Technical and Physical Safeguards:**

- 1) Describe the actions your organization will take to physically secure the HCCD data.
- 2) Describe your policies and procures for ensuring that HCCD data are protected when stored on your servers.
- 3) Describe how your organization prevents the copying or transfer of data to local workstations and other hard media devices.

### **Personnel/Staffing Safeguards:**

- 1) Please describe the training on confidential and electronic health information that the project personnel who will have access to the HCCD data have received?
- 2) Has every individual who will access the HCCD data received this training in the last year?



- 3) Have all individuals who will have access to the HCCD data signed an internal, requesting organization-specific confidentiality agreement?

### **Information Security**

- 1) Does your organization have security policies that are followed and accessible to all staff accessing the HCCD data? If yes, attach these policies to the application.
- 2) When were your organization's security policies last updated?
- 3) How do staff/users notify your organization of security problems?
- 4) Has your organization or any member of the project team (including third-party vendor personnel) ever been involved with a project that experienced a data security incident? If yes, describe the incident, the response procedures that were followed and any subsequent changes in protocols to mitigate the risk of future events.

### **Data Destruction**

- 1) Describe the measures you will use to destroy the HCCD data upon termination of the Data Use Agreement, per the requirements of the Data Use Agreement.
- 2) Describe your procedures for terminating access to the HCCD data when staff/researchers terminate participation in the project.

## **PART THREE (Requests for Limited Data Sets and Identified Data)**

### **(A). Applicant Qualifications**

Describe the qualifications of your organization and key personnel to conduct the proposed research, implement the proposed data management plan with fidelity and to adhere to the Data Use Agreement.

### **(B). Use of Third Party Agents or Vendors**

1. Will you be contracting with any third-party vendors who will have access to HCCD data? If yes, list the name(s) of the third-party vendor(s) and the services to be provided by third-party vendor(s). If a third-party vendor will be used, they must complete **Part Two** of this application as well.