

# Minutes

## Delaware Health Care Claims Database (HCCD)

### HCCD Committee

Monday, November 1, 2021

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

#### Meeting Objectives:

- Review and Vote on the following HCCD Data Requests
  - #LD8 – SEBC RAND
  - #LD9 – NAM
  - #LD10 – Guarino
  - #LD11 - Katz

Agenda Item	Lead Presenter
1. Call to Order and Welcome to <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rich Schroder new Director of Analytics</li><li>• Confirmed new Board member Mike Pellin</li><li>• Established quorum, please see attendance table end of document</li></ul>	Dr. Jonathan Kaufmann
2. Approval of September 2021 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Approved</b></li></ul>	Dr. Jonathan Kaufmann
3. #LD8 - State Group Health Program – RANDHospital Price Transparency Study <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Denied</b>, please see discussion in notes below</li></ul>	Christopher Whaley, PhD
4. #LD9 - Impact of COVID-19 on Lung Cancer Care in Delaware <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Approved</b>, please see discussion in notes below</li></ul>	Brian Nam, MD, FACS
5. #LD10 - Understanding Adolescent/YoungAdult Oncology in Delaware <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Approved</b>, please see discussion in notes below</li></ul>	Stephanie Guarino, MD, MSHP
6. #LD11 - Linking VA and DHIN data to supportpopulation-based care for Veterans in Delaware <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Approved</b>, please see discussion in notes below</li></ul>	Ira Katz, MD, PhD
7. Public Comment – There were no public comments	Public
8. Next Steps and Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday Dec 6, 2021</li><li>• Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm</li></ul>	Dr. Jonathan Kaufmann

**Data Request:** Application #LD8

**Applicant:** State Employee Benefits Office

**Project Title:** State Group Health Program – RAND Hospital Price Transparency Study

**Description:** This is an amendment to a previously approved request from a Collaborating State Agency (SBO). This amendment would allow RAND to use the data previously provided to them under the SBO project to produce private, employer-specific reports for DE employers. This private report would present each employers' average prices paid at each hospital. All data in the report would be de-identified.

Christopher Whaley of RAND corporation explained the purpose behind the SEBC Application that requested employer specific data to support a secondary disclosure of the RAND Hospital Price Transparency Study. This employer specific data would enhance an SEBC extract already used for the SEBC in the national RAND study.

- Discussion explored the employer types that are in the SEBC data extract, where an employer may be an organization that participates in the SEB benefits but they are not State employees.
- RE Statement 6: it is difficult to discern the risk for Statement 6 due to not understanding the granularity of the data.
- Other than additional redisclosure to employers, there were no other data changes to the Application, just the addition of employer ids for each claim.
- Clarification about Costs of redisclosures: Employers would pay \$0.20 per covered life capping at \$50,000 per report. The reports are provided at a net loss to RAND. The Robert Wood Johnson grant covers additional expenses needed for creating these employer specific reports.

Application Denied. Applicant advised to revise application so that HCCD is only providing flag for SEBC employees, as opposed to other employer data.

**Data Request:** Application #LD9

**Applicant:** Brian Nam, ChristianaCare Dept. of Thoracic Surgery and Institute for Research in Equity and Community Health

**Project Title:** Impact of COVID-19 on Lung Cancer Care in Delaware

**Description:** The purpose of this request is to study the impact that COVID-19 had on the incidence and treatment type of lung cancer in DE. The study will also look at the socioeconomic disparities and access to care.

Dr. Nam summarized the application. COVID has impacted Lung Cancer care in the state of Delaware. How much has the treatment paradigm shifted during the pandemic. Significant mortality differences occur with different treatments. Disparities in care are known and this study will assess how the Pandemic has shifted the disparity. Data will be assessed for SDOH challenges for population groups.

- Statutory purpose questions: none
- Findings are planned to be published in a peer reviewed journal
- The data set will be a Limited Dataset such as dates of Service, race, ethnicity, and zipcode.
- There will be no Cost variables and only insurance type category as Commercial, Medicaid and Medicare.
- Are there any Statement 6 concerns: none
- The study team will be Dr. Nam and another study researcher at the Cancer Institute. The data will be stored within iREACH protected servers at CCHS.
- Qualifications of researchers: none
- Data Security plan questions: None

Motion for Approval- Meredith Steward-Tweedie, seconded by Bernie Inskeep. None opposed.

APPROVED

**Data Request:** Application #LD10

**Applicant:** Stephanie Guarino, Nemours Children's Health

**Project Title:** Understanding Adolescent/Young Adult Oncology in Delaware

**Description:** The purpose of this request is to better understand adolescent and young adult (15-39) oncology patients in Delaware, namely, who they are, where they live, and how they access healthcare.

Dr. Guarino summarized the request. The application covers 15 to 39 year old persons with cancer. It uses a limited data set with zipcode and dates of service.

- No cost or price information will be selected
- It will compare pediatric and young adult, care patterns and pharma patterns.
- Publishing and re-disclosure plans are to publish and share findings between CCHS and Nemours. These two organizations work together for the treatment of Adolescents and Young Adults.
- Any concerns for Statutory use of the data: none
- Data Management plan: Dr. Guarino, Dr. Cole and a statistician from Nemours expected to work with the data. Servers are limited access with multiple password protections.

**Motion for approval:** Bernie Inskeep made a motion for approval. Mike Pellin seconded. No further discussion. No opposition.

APPROVED:

**Data Request:** Application #LD11

**Applicant:** Ira Katz, Wilmington VA Medical Center

**Project Title:** Linking VA and DHIN data to support population-based care for Veterans in Delaware

**Description:** The purpose of this request is to study the gaps that may exist in the healthcare provided to Veterans in Delaware. The VA Medical Center will provide DHIN with an identified list of Veterans living in DE, and is requesting a limited data set which includes these individuals' de-identified, claims and demographic information.

Dr. Katz summarized the study: This is an early exploratory project. The goal is to understand dual use of community based and VA care for veterans. Are we enhancing care? We want to understand urgent care use to promote transition of care from VA to community based care. We have a DUA for sharing of PHI between VA and DHIN. We will identify persons of interest in the HCCD. These data would then be de-identified at time of sharing data back to VA.

- Disclosure of the data will be used for program planning locally. The national program will be interested in lessons learned. Publication may follow, but the primary use is internal.
- Dates of service and census tract are the limited PHI elements.
- No price or cost information for competitive advantage.
- The Project team and Security plan: Data will live at Secure servers in Wilmington and on DHIN's customer portal with credentials given to VA researchers.

Motion for Approval: Jill Hutt motioned, Troy McDaniel seconded. No more comments. No opposed. Application Approved.

**Meeting adjourned 4:11pm**

**Attendance:**

<b><i>Committee Member</i></b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Jill Hutt	X	
Bernadette Inskeep	X	
Jonathan Kaufmann (Chair)	X	
Stephen Lawless		
Jan Lee	X	
Kathleen Matt		X
Troy McDaniel	X	
Faith Rentz		X
James Spellman	X	
Meredith Stewart-Tweedie	X	
Mike Pellin	X	

<b><i>DHIN</i></b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Krishna Vasireddy	X	
Gurpreet Kaur	X	
TerriLynn Palmer	X	
Scott Perkins	X	
Tanya Bernstein – FMH Facilitator	X	
Randy Farmer	X	
Stacey Schiller	X	
Jamie Rocke	X	
Patrick Murray - MedicaSoft	X	

<b><i>Guests</i></b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Claudine Jurkovitz, CCHS, INBRE	X	
Christopher Whaley, RAND	X	
Ira Katz, VA	X	
Stephanie Guarino, Nemours	X	
Brian Nam, Christiana Care	X	