

Brief History of Tennessee's All Payer Claims Database

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Tennessee's All Payer Claims Database (APCD) is relatively young and has undergone several transitions. The General Assembly enacted the APCD statute in 2009, and the business unit (the Office of Health Planning) housing the APCD reported directly to the Commissioner of Finance & Administration (F&A). After implementing a contract on December 1, 2009, the State's original APCD vendor, OnPoint, collected data from all payers through October 31, 2011. Thereafter, the contract lapsed, and the State experienced a hiatus in data collection. The State reorganized the organizational management of the APCD, transferring it in April 2011 to a newly-created Division of Health Care Finance & Administration (HCFA) within F&A. For reference, HCFA includes the Bureau of TennCare, the Office of eHealth, CoverTennessee (including the CoverKids or CHIP program), and the Strategic Planning and Innovation Group. HCFA retained the APCD administrative functions even after Health Planning subsequently moved to the Department of Health.

Tennessee has recently redoubled its APCD efforts. HCFA procured a new APCD vendor and executed a new contract with Truven on November 1, 2013. In February 2014, HCFA notified all payers that the new vendor would begin to collect data in a modified format. Following discussions with the industry, HCFA worked through the spring and summer of 2014 to finalize its approach, which the Department of Commerce & Insurance (C&I) subsequently approved (as is required under the APCD's administrative rules). HCFA then published the *APCD Procedure Manual* on or about October 31, 2014, and payers and insurers had to begin submitting data within 180 days. The new version of the *APCD Procedure Manual* required that payers and insurers submit historical data since January 1, 2012 and ongoing data on a prospective basis. For reference, the State may impose penalties on payers that fail to comply with their obligations pursuant to TCA § 56-2-125(f)(4) and Administrative Rule Chapter 0780-01-79-.06(2).

The State reconstituted the Tennessee Health Information Committee (THIC) in the second quarter of CY 2015. By statute, the THIC oversees and approves the data management, reporting, and research activities of the APCD. The State received nominations for each of the statutorily-designated entities (e.g., Tennessee Hospital Association, Hospital Alliance of Tennessee, Tennessee Pharmacists Association, Tennessee Medical Association, etc.) and finalized appointments in May 2015. The new members of the THIC will convene on July 21, 2015.

For general information about All Payer Claims Databases across the United States, visit <http://www.apcdouncil.org/>, <https://www.nahdo.org/>, and <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/resources/2011/all-payer-claims-databases>.