

Data Usage Statement

This document serves as an outline of the state's methods and purposes for the collection and use of admission, discharge and transfer (ADT) data from various care providers as part of the state's Primary Care Transformation and office of e-Health Initiative efforts.

As part of these efforts, the state is requesting that HL7 feeds starting with ADT be submitted by hospitals and other care providers via the state secure network, utilizing IBM enterprise service bus (E, Healthcare Pack (HCP)) as a conduit to the state's Care Coordination Tool (CCT). The CCT is being developed and maintained by the service provider contracted by the state, Altruista. Altruista will provide the CCT tool in the form of Altruista's Guiding Care tool with customization to meet state needs.

Data providers and recipients for the Primary Care Transformation and office of e-Health initiatives will include TennCare, Managed Care Organizations, Tennessee hospitals and clinics, regional Health Information Exchanges, the Tennessee Hospital Association, PCMHs, Tennessee Health Link, long and short term physical rehab centers, acute care and psychiatric facilities, pharmacy benefit managers, and reference laboratories.

The data submitted to the state is matched and filtered against the state's Medicaid eligibility database to ensure only Medicaid eligible member's information is retained. The ADT record is then transmitted securely to the CCT. Data transmitted to the state which is not matched to existing Medicaid enrollees is de-identified and only the message unique identifier, facility ID and timestamp are retained by Healthcare Finance and Administration (HCFA).

In the CCT, the ADT data is combined with Medicaid eligibility files, demographic information and historical claims data to create a data set for each Medicaid patient. This data can be accessed and used by providers, provider representatives and the MCO's associated with the patient. This data may also be used internally by HCFA to provide assistance in billing, utilization monitoring and analytics, care management, research, development and improvement of state Medicaid programs and services provided to beneficiaries. By providing access to the data collected in the CCT, the provider will have information to help improve patient care and meet the goals of the THL and PCMH programs.

HCFA ensures the integrity, security, and confidentiality of the data received by complying with applicable laws as a covered entity, including the Privacy Act, HIPAA, HITECH, and utilizing contractual requirements to ensure the vendor maintains similar standards. Additionally, the CCT administrator, Altruista has established safeguards to protect sensitive data from experience gained within 33 states focused on healthcare.