Agenda VI: HPD Data Access Methods

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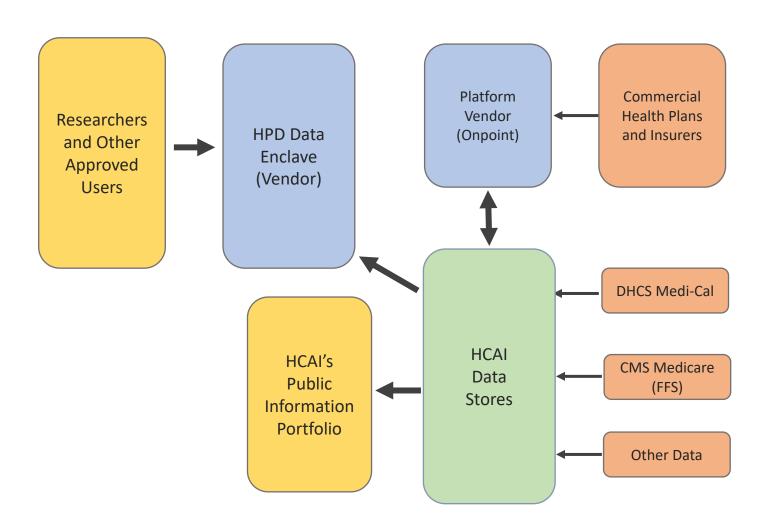


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- Secure environment for accessing potentially identifiable information
- Has controls so users can only access the data they are approved to see
- Protects against unapproved use of personal information





What is an Enclave?

- Centralized service to remotely access sensitive data
- Houses data in a secure and scalable environment
- Protects data in accordance with state and federal security and privacy rules
- Data is accessed via a virtual machine launched from the user's computer
- Virtual machine operates on a remote server and is controlled by Enclave administrator
- Data products can only be downloaded to user's computer with administrator authorization



How is an Enclave Used?

- Makes approved data available to approved users for approved projects
 - Each project's data are segregated from other projects
 - Will allow users to upload and link their own datasets
- Will include access to:
 - Standard tools (Python, SQL, R, Microsoft Office)
 - Additional tools (SAS, Stata, Tableau)
- Provides scalable computing power to perform analysis on a large volume of data
- Data products can only be downloaded with administrator authorization

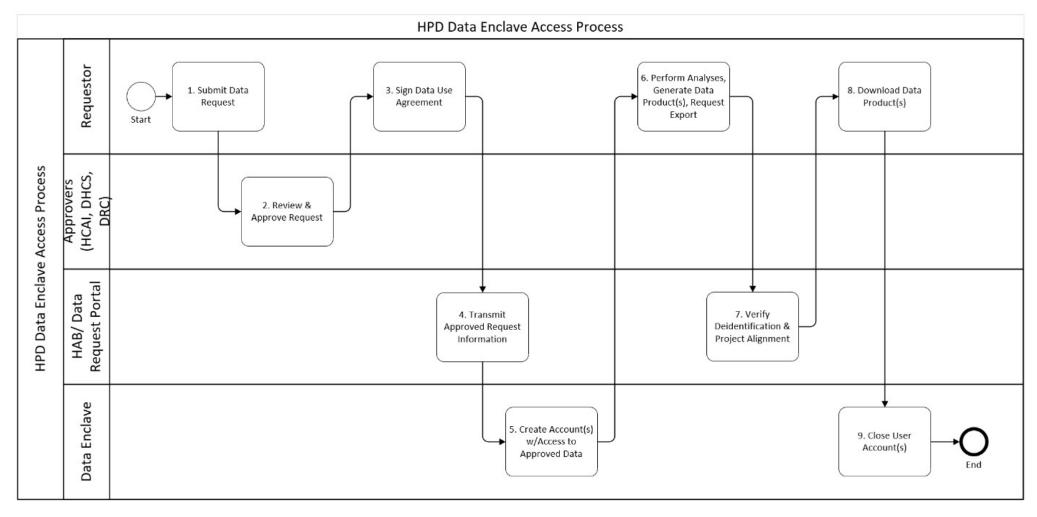


Additional Enclave Info

- Will support single-user and multiple-user projects
- Multi-user projects include access to shared drive space to exchange code, reports, and tables with other team members
- Users will be able to create tables within the project space that contain data they import, and/or the output from their queries
- Users will receive training and technical assistance from the Enclave vendor, including information on system enhancements and any changes to the HPD datasets



Steps to Using the Enclave





Direct Transmission of HPD Files



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• HPD statute directs HCAI to "develop a comprehensive program for data use, access, and release." [Section 127673.82]

 Section 127673.83(c) requires that HCAI policies, "limit release or transmittal of personal information outside the secure environment" or Enclave.



Direct File Transmission

- Applicants requesting release of HPD files (outside the Enclave) must document:
 - Expertise in the protection of patient privacy
 - Experience analyzing large sets of confidential data
 - Data security protections meet department standards and all state and federal requirements.

The DRC must recommend approval of the proposed project.



Discussion Questions

What are your reactions to methods for HPD data access methods?
 How do you see this affecting the DRC's role in making recommendations to HCAI?

 What questions or additional discussion items related to methods for data access should HCAI address at future DRC meetings?

