

Agenda IV: Overview of Data Access and Release

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Provisions in Enabling HPD Statute

- Develop a comprehensive program for data use, access, and release including [127673.82(a)]:
 - A Data Release Committee to advise HCAI [[HSC 127673.84](#)].
 - Access to data in a secure research environment [[HSC 127673.82\(d\)](#)].
 - Transfer of data files to qualified applicants [[HSC 127673.83\(c\)](#)].
- Protect privacy, security, and confidentiality of consumers' individually identifiable health care information [[HSC 127673.81 \(b\)](#)].
- Prohibition of use of data for individual patient care or treatment, or individual coverage or eligibility decisions, or similar purposes [[HSC 127673.81\(d\)](#)].

Provisions in Enabling HPD Statute, cont.

- Access to HPD data by researchers and other qualified applicants is necessary to meet program research and policy goals.
- HCAI must establish a secure environment to access HPD data with controls to prevent unapproved access and inappropriate use.
- With the advice of the advisory committee and data release committee, HCAI will develop criteria, policies, and procedures for access to and release of HPD data.

[Health & Safety Code Section 127673.82](#)

HPD Legislative Intent

- Collect information regarding health care costs, utilization, quality, and equity to inform policy decisions.
- Provide public benefit for Californians and the state while preserving consumer privacy.
- Improve data transparency to achieve a sustainable health care system with more equitable access to affordable and quality health care for all.
- Use data to develop innovative approaches to deliver health care that is cost effective and responsive to needs of enrollees.

[Health & Safety Code Section 127671](#)

HPD Data Access & Release Objectives

1. Protect Patient Privacy
2. Support Program Goals
3. Ensure appropriate data users, uses, methodologies, and compliance with all requirements
4. Provide timely data access to qualified applicants and make decisions in a consistent manner
5. Enable & support diverse users, representing multiple audiences & levels of expertise
6. Complement the HPD public reporting program
7. Support sustainability through user fees that balance program support and affordability

Considerations for DRC in Making Recommendations

Statute requires consideration of:

- Whether and to what extent the data use will contribute to program goals:
 - For requests that do not include direct personal identifiers, whether the use of the data is **“consistent with the goals”**
 - For requests that include direct personal identifiers, the bar is higher: access may only be provided for research projects that offer **“significant opportunities to achieve program goals”**
- Whether the use of the data provides **greater transparency** regarding health care costs, utilization, quality, or equity, or
- How the information may be used to **inform policy decisions** regarding the provision of quality health care, improving public health, reducing health disparities, advancing health coverage, or reducing health care costs

HSC Section [127673.83](#) b(2), [127673.84](#)(d)(2)