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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING:
HEALTH CARE PAYMENTS DATA PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 26, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

Members Attending: Charles Bacchi, (CAHP); Steffanie Watkins, Association of California Life and Health Insurance Companies (ACLHIC); Janice Rocco, California Medical Association (CMA); Amber Ott, California Hospital Association; Emma Hoo, Purchaser Business Group on Health (PBGH); Ken Stuart, California Health Care Coalition; Anthony Wright, Health Access California; Joan Allen, Service Employees International Union- United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW); William Barcellona, America's Physician Groups; Cheryl Damberg, RAND Corporation

Members not in attendance: John Kabateck (NFIB)

HPD Advisory Committee Ex-Officio Members Attending: Isaac Menashe Covered California; Michael Valle, Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI); Dr. Linette Scott, California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Presenters: Elizabeth Landsberg, Director, HCAI; Michael Valle, Chief Information Officer and Deputy Director, HCAI; Starla Ledbetter, Chief Data Officer, HCAI; Christopher Krawczyk, Chief Analytics Officer, HCAI; Jill Yegian, HPD Consultant; Wade Iuele, HPD Consultant; Jonathan Mathieu, Freedman Healthcare

Public Attendance: 65

Agenda Item # 1:   Welcome and Meeting Minutes
        Ken Stuart, Chair

Welcome and review of hybrid meeting ground rules and procedures. Review and approval of October 27, 2022, meeting minutes.

The committee voted and approved the October 27, 2022, meeting minutes. Charles Bacchi raised a motion to approve, and Bill Barcelona seconded it.

No Public Comments.

Agenda Item # 2:   Department Updates
Elizabeth Landsberg, Director, HCAI

Presentation on department and program updates.

Director Landsberg discussed the proposed budget and changes in funding for HCAI workforce programs. She highlighted HCAI's progress allocating funds from the reproductive rights package, including grants to nonprofit organizations for physical and data security at facilities providing abortion related care and reproductive health services.

Lastly, Elizabeth Landsberg provided an update on the Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA), stating OHCA has been meeting with sibling departments to coordinate data sharing as well as working on staffing efforts and preparation for the inaugural March Board meeting.

Questions and Comments from the Committee:

No Public Comments.

Agenda Item # 3: Deputy Director Update
Michael Valle, Chief Information Officer and Deputy Director, HCAI

Presentation on division policy and program activities of interest.

Questions and Comments from the Committee:

The committee expressed their appreciation for HCAI's progress on the HPD Program as well as the creation of the Data Release Committee (DRC). The committee inquired about HCAI's plan to ensure Alternative Payment Models (APM) and fee for service data accuracy, offering to assemble a small group of capitated providers to provide HCAI with more insight on the data collection process with emphasis on accuracy.

No Public Comments.

Agenda Item # 4: Implementation and Submitter Updates and HPD Historic Data Milestone
Starla Ledbetter, Chief Data Officer, HCAI

Presentation on the progress to date and next steps as well as recognition of key milestones achieved in HPD data collection.

Questions and Comments from the Committee:

The committee acknowledged the large volume of data required to establish the database and inquired about how HCAI plans to manage any potential variances in data and the parameters for data completeness. The committee also emphasized the need to understand the quality of data elements collected by each data source, as it can help inform how the data can be best utilized for analysis.

The committee strongly encouraged HCAI to consider creating "code books" and other user guides and training materials to allow data users to be more efficient when accessing and utilizing the HPD data as well as to provide a mechanism to continue to gather feedback from users and contribute to an HPD knowledgebase.

The committee expressed gratitude to HCAI staff for updating the Common Data Layout (CDL) to better reflect the race, ethnicity, and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) data noting how crucial this data is to understanding California's residents and health care needs.

No Public Comments.

Agenda Item # 5: Initial Supplemental Data Collection: Non-Claims Data and Annual Totals
> *Jill Yegian, HPD Consultant, HCAI*

Overview of supplemental data types, including non-claims payments such as capitation and alternative payment models and annual totals for claims and capitation payments. Review of California's health care market and coordination with Office of Health Care Affordability

Questions and Comments from the Committee:

The committee clarified what constituted as an individual provider when discussing Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plans and discussed whether rebate data would come directly from plans if they were provided at the drug class level or at a more granular level. The committee stated that if it is at the granular level, then it would be important to collect that data as well. They also inquired about the distinction between member level and contract-level data collection, whether capitated data would be collected at the member level and the cutoff date for retro-reporting. In addition, the committee inquired about how APM data would be reported and categorized, and how Medi-Cal data specifically would be collected and factored into total cost of care in California.

The committee advised HCAI to broaden definitions as narrow definitions may lead to underreporting. The committee reflected on the importance of accurately capturing risk-based payments and emphasized the necessary groundwork that must be done to engage with plans and providers to incentivize them to utilize APM methods and report

data accurately, while acknowledging the differences in data varying from providers.

No Public Comments:

Agenda Item # 6: State APCD approaches to non-claims and annual totals data collection and reporting
> *Linda Green, Freedman Healthcare*
> *Jonathan Mathieu, Freedman Healthcare*

Update on national standards and an overview of other states' approaches to collection of this type of supplementary data

Questions and Comments from the Committee:

The committee asked for clarification regarding the guidelines for payments potentially not captured due to submission cut off dates. The committee also inquired as to whether the health plans would be submitting pharmacy data as some plans may have a Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) and thus would not be able to do so, and, moreover, this may vary based on the plan's unique contract.

The committee expressed thanks to HCAI and its partners for helping members understand how other states' experiences will help California create a comprehensive HPD Program and encouraged HCAI to ensure the architecture of the HPD is able to support the large flow of various payment data that directly impacts researchers' utilization ability.

Public Comments:

Members of the public advised HCAI to review the topic of rebates and price concessions for a more detailed analysis as well as the range of supplemental payments that are included in Medi-Cal fee for service. Lastly, members of the public urged HCAI to learn from other states' experiences and allow the HPD to evolve and grow over time and to support OHCA.

Agenda Item # 7: HCAI's approach to non-claims and annual totals data collection
> *Starla Ledbetter, Chief Data Officer, HCAI*
> *Chris Krawczyk, Chief Analytics Officer, HCAI*
> *Wade Iuele, HPD Consultant, HCAI*

Overview and committee discussion of HCAI's approach to collecting these supplementary data for the HPD Program

Questions and Comments from the Committee:

The committee advised HCAI to maintain flexibility when creating the HPD to account for the complexity of current and future payment data as well as to ensure room for growth for OHCA's needs.

The committee inquired about how payments that do not fall into HCP-LAN framework categories would be accounted for in the HPD. The committee suggested a period of testing payment categories and data submission to work out any potential issues. Regarding pharmacy rebates, the committee noted that payments are complex and varied and suggested collecting data at the level of the drug, rather than drug class.

The committee also noted that success for the adoption of non-claims-based payment data collection will depend on the clarity and specificity of the categories and the ability of providers and payers to capture such data. The committee encouraged HCAI to reach out to payers to determine any challenges to adopting HCAI's planned approach.

Lastly, the committee commended HCAI's staff and partners for their dedication to the HPD Program.

Public Comments:

Members of the public expressed concern about the proposal to begin collecting non-claims-based payments in September from the prior calendar year, stating it may be too early and may risk missing crucial data due to the steps prior to submission, such as previewing preliminary results and the appeals processes. Members of the public also suggested including capitation data on the member eligibility file as opposed to a separate file, to reduce the burden on data collection and to allow HCAI to look into shared savings opportunities and other incentives when payments to provider organizations can be bucketed into multiple categories.

Agenda Item #8 Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Questions and Comments from the Committee:

Ken Stuart thanked the Committee Members and HCAI staff and adjourned the meeting.

No Public Comments.