Health Care Payments Data Program

Assembly Bill 80 (AB 80) (Chapter 12, Statutes of 2020) requires the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) to create and administer a statewide Health Care Payments Data Program (HPD), often referred to as an All-Payer Claims Database or APCD.

HCAI is required to establish and administer the HPD Program to collect health care data from health care plans, health insurers, government agencies and others (Health and Safety Code Section 127671.1). The data in the HPD System is intended to support greater health care cost transparency and will be used to inform policy decisions regarding the provision of quality health care, and to reduce health care costs and disparities. The information is also to be used to develop innovative approaches, services, and programs that may have the potential to deliver health care that is both cost effective and responsive to the needs of all Californians.

To maximize its utility and value for California policymakers, researchers, and others interested in improving California's healthcare system, HCAI intends to make the HPD System as comprehensive as possible by increasing the volume and variety of data collected over time.

HCAI is required to produce publicly available information from the database, including data products and analytic reports, to support the goals of the program. HCAI released the first public report in June 2023.

HCAI is also required to develop a comprehensive data access and release program. To support effective implementation of the data access and release program, the department convened the HPD Data Release Committee (DRC), which is charged with advising HCAI and reviewing requests for access to non-public data.

The list of upcoming activities below outlines the activities HCAI will conduct to implement and operate the HPD Program from July 2023 to December 2025.

Projected Time	Period Program Activities
July to December 2023	 Begin producing analytic reports from the database. Complete rulemaking to certify final claims data collection emergency regulations. Complete rulemaking to establish data access and release regulations.
January to June 2024	 Continue producing analytic reports from the database. Begin accepting applications for non-public data. Submit report to the Legislature with progress on data collection, quality, and completion by March 2024.
July to December 2024	 Continue producing analytic reports and processing applications for non-public data. Begin collecting dental data. Publish the HPD Advisory Committee's recommendations on how to integrate state public health data functions into to the HPD by July 2024.
January to June 2025	 Continue producing analytic reports and processing applications for non-public data. Complete rulemaking to establish non-claims-based payments data collection regulations.
July to December 2025	 Continue producing analytic reports from the database and processing applications for non-public data. Begin collection of non-claims-based payment data.