

Insights from Other States and Data Suppliers on Developing User Fee Schedules

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States' Data Access Fee Considerations

State APCD Data Access Fee Structure

- Most states transmit data files directly to approved users.
- States' data access fee structures consider file characteristics and type of user.
- Approaches vary and typically follow this general framework:

File Characteristics

- Data timeframe
- File type
- Permitted use duration
- Number of users
- Level of detail

User Categories

- Academic research
- Students
- Commercial/For Profit
- Other Non-Profit

Access Fee Characteristics --Simple Example

	Non-Profit	Commercial/ For Profit
Data Timeframe		
Single Year	x	
File Type (edical, Member, Rx Provider)		
Per File	x	
Permitted Usation		
One Year	x	
Number of ers		
Single useense	x	
Discount fr 2+	x	

- Fees set on a per year, per file basis.
- The fee is tied to a one-year use period.
- Fees vary by number of users who are authorized to access the data.
- Fees vary by user category; Commercial/For Profit fees are often significantly higher than for Non-Profit users

Access Fee Characteristics – More Complex

	Non-Profit	Commercial/For Profit
Data Timeframe		
Single Year	x	
Discounts	x	
File Type (e., Medical, Member)		
Per File	--	
All Files Bundle	x	
Permitted Usurion		
One Year	x	
Determine in DUA	x	
Number of Users		
Single user/ense	x	
Discount for	x	
Level of Detail		
Person Identifiers	x	
Entity/Financial Info	x	

Variation on the basic structure:

- Multi-year discounts
- Bundling all file types into one fee schedule
- Customizing the term - perhaps more than one year - in the Data Use Agreement
- Allowing more than one user to access the data
- Level of detail: PHI, Entity Names
 - Often not available to Commercial Users

Data Access Fee Reductions

Data Access Fee Reduction Administration

States vary in operation and administration of data access fee reductions.

State	Rule	Policy	Notes
CO		✓	Depends on state appropriation
MA	✓	✓	Discretionary; publishes list of approved waivers
MD			Program in transition to new regulatory structure
ME	✓		Not currently offering fee reductions
OR	✓		Discretionary: Director may waive fees for projects that “eliminate institutional racism and racial injustice.” -- document injustice and identify opportunities to eliminate it
RI	✓	✓	The fee may be reduced or waived for the following entities at the discretion of the Department: (1) CMS; (2) Rhode Island state agencies; and (3) Submitting Insurers.
UT		✓	Student discount available.
VT	✓	✓	Must demonstrate that the requested data will be used to fulfill a public purpose, and that the payment of the costs or fees would constitute an undue financial hardship
WA	✓		Must demonstrate public benefit; available to an applicant that is a non-profit entity and has limited financial resources

Considerations From Other States

- Fee Reductions are often limited to a few user types
 - Academic and other researchers
 - Graduate students
 - Non-profit organizations
- Enclave access relatively new; many APCDs still transmit actual data files to approved users
 - Access Fee structure reflects the cost to create and deliver files
- Fee reduction policy should also consider an approach to users' requests for updated files in subsequent years.

Application Fees

APCD Data Request Application Fees

- Non-refundable
- Submitted with application
- Fee amount established along with data access fees

State	Fee
CT	\$50
ME	\$25
MD	\$200
MA	\$300
RI	\$100
UT	\$50