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New Hampshire APCD: A Model of Shared Governance

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NH Comprehensive Health Care Information System (NH CHIS)

- ▶ State statute passed in 2003 created CHIS (RSA 420–G:11 & 420–G:11–a)
- ▶ Required NH health insurance carriers to submit their claims data and health plan quality data to the DHHS and New Hampshire Insurance Department (NHID)
 - Required DHHS and NHID to partner on system

NH CHIS

- ▶ Created as a “resource for insurers, employers, providers, purchasers of health care, and state agencies to continuously review health care utilization, expenditures, and performance in New Hampshire and to enhance the ability of New Hampshire consumers and employers to make informed and cost-effective health care choices”
- ▶ (www.nhchis.org)

NH CHIS

- ▶ Statute requires partnership and MOU between Department of Health and Human Services and Insurance Department
- ▶ DHHS in statute has a role in the development of NHID collection rules
- ▶ NHID in statute has a role in the development of DHHS release rules

Memorandum of Understanding

- ▶ NH DHHS and NHID signed the MOU and agreed to partner in the collection, use, and distribution of data and information from the CHIS. The memorandum specified that:
 - NH DHHS shall maintain the CHIS and bear all expenses associated with the collection of healthcare data and its maintenance in the CHIS and develop procedures for the submission and storage of data;
 - NHID shall adopt administrative rules relative to the submission of commercial health care claims data and the HEDIS data set;
 - NH DHHS and NHID should work collaboratively to develop policies for dissemination of data from the CHIS; and
 - In addition to commercial claims and HEDIS data, the CHIS shall also maintain Medicaid claims and NH hospital discharge data for use by the two departments.

NH CHIS – Collection

- ▶ NH Insurance Department
 - Established administrative rules for the collection of data
 - Responsible for leading the process of making modifications to the collection rules
 - Has authority to impose penalties for non-compliance

NH CHIS – Release

- ▶ NH Department of Health and Human Services
 - Established a process for the release of APCD data
 - Public use files (no identifiers)
 - Simple request for the file
 - Limited and research level files
 - Restricted fields – but **not** patient–level direct identifiers– can be requested
 - Application process with panel review

NH CHIS – Data Use

- ▶ DHHS has applications and reporting
 - Medicaid benchmarking
 - www.nhchis.org
 - Dynamic reporting tool
 - Chronic diseases
 - Use and Cost
 - Special studies – static reports
- ▶ NHID has applications and reporting
 - www.nhhealthcost.org
 - Reports and publications

Questions

- ▶ For more information: www.nhchis.org

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