



## **Data Release Review Committee (DRRC) CO APCD Data Requests Summary Meeting: May 4, 2022**

### **22.30 OnPoint Medical Group Specialty Referral Network Development**

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#### **Edits Made:**

- Narrow geographic focus of patient population by specific zip codes
- Remove specific provider identifying elements, replace with composite IDs

#### **Project Purpose:**

OnPoint Medical Group is looking to develop a specialty referral network. We are a local medical group in the Denver area with 8 FP/IM clinics as well as 2 pediatrics and 1 OBGYN. We would use this data to research, analyze and develop a specialty referral network to refer patients to. This project and research will allow us to better serve our patients and community, the data provided will allow us to analyze the data and compare costs to make an informed decision and provide them choices when looking for where to send our patients for specialty care needs.

#### **Specific Aims:**

The overall goal is to minimize downstream costs of specialty care for our patients:

1. In situations where a provider practices or performs procedures at multiple locations, are we able to recommend a cost saving option based on facility and other added fees?
  - a. This will be achieved by analyzing claim level data to understand the total cost of a procedure, comparing the total make up as well as select variances amongst locations. We anticipate this will differ by physical location, types of ancillary equipment, and components utilized during the procedures. For example, the type of prosthesis selected during a total knee replacement, and type of anesthesia used during a colonoscopy.
2. Are certain additional components of the total cost of a procedure typical of a physical location regardless of the servicing or billing provider?
  - a. For example, are higher priced but not necessarily better quality alternatives used as standards at certain facilities regardless of the provider?

#### **Type of Data Requested:**

Limited Data Set



## **22.85 VA Health Economics Resource Center (HERC) at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System- Utilization and Health Outcomes for Veterans with Expanded Health Care Access**

### **Project Purpose:**

We will expand on existing measures of access and show the effect of improved health care access on Veteran health. We will leverage natural experiments and novel econometric techniques to determine the causal impact of increased provider choices on VA enrollees' care utilization and health outcomes.

This study will measure the causal effect of expanded access and characterize which services are most impacted, providing insight on where to focus improvements in care and access. Colorado has a large Veteran population. With VA-purchased community care expansion, Veteran use of non-VA Colorado health care may increase. Findings from this study will help Colorado health care agencies and policy makers understand which services are shifting from VA to Colorado health care agencies, thereby providing useful information for policy and planning.

### **Specific Aims:**

- (1) identify the causal impact of gaining Medicare eligibility on VA enrollees' health care utilization and health outcomes (identify procedures and diagnosis groups most affected by Medicare eligibility and the overall effect on the VA system)
- (2) identify the causal impact of becoming eligible for VA community care on enrollees' health care utilization and health outcomes (identify procedure and diagnosis groups most affected by community care eligibility and the effect on the VA system)
- (3) identify subgroups that predict access gaps.

### **Type of Data Requested:**

Identifiable Data Set with Finder File