

Data Release Review Committee

Monthly Meeting Notes



The following documents the meeting convened on 8/7/2024:

Committee Member Attendees:		CIVHC Staff Attendees:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ako Quammie (Contexture)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelsey Foland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maggie Mueller
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andy Woster (CCMCN)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abby Fehler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martha Meyer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Martin (HCPF)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Kim	<input type="checkbox"/> Mason Thaxton
<input type="checkbox"/> Caleb Wright (Elevance Health)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Danielle Evergreen	<input type="checkbox"/> Pete Sheehan
<input type="checkbox"/> Chris McDowell (Valley Health Alliance)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darcy Holladay Ford	<input type="checkbox"/> Twanisha Parnell
<input type="checkbox"/> Essey Yirdaw (Colorado Hospital Association)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hannah Witting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexandra Cosso
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Villines (Craig Hospital)		<input type="checkbox"/> John Francis (counsel)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Isaac Nwi-Mozu
<input type="checkbox"/> Megan Denham (Georgia Tech)		<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Holtschlag	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kimi Landry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nathan Wilkes (Headstorms, Inc.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Kristin Paulson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Megha Jha
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheri Herner (Kaiser Permanete)		<input type="checkbox"/> Lucía Sanders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valerie Garrison

Agenda

10:30 AM	24.515.1
Requesting Organization:	Duke University
Project Title:	Effects of Price Transparency on Private Equity Acquisitions and Healthcare Prices: Evidence from Physician Groups and Outpatient Practices
11:00 AM	25.100.15.3
Requesting Organization:	Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF)
Project Title:	Hospital Payment Variation Outpatient
11:30 AM	25.105.10.3
Requesting Organization:	Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI)
Project Title:	Data Mart Use Cases (3)

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10:30 AM		24.515.1
Extract Type:	Limited	
Requesting Organization:	Duke University	
Project Title:	Effects of Price Transparency on Private Equity Acquisitions and Healthcare Prices: Evidence from Physician Groups and Outpatient Practices	
CIVHC Presenter:	Kimi Landry, Research and Evaluation Analyst	
Project Presenter(s):	Chris Behrer, PhD Candidate	
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Committee Discussion and Questions

- Kimi shares brief overview of project and funding mechanism (Robert Wood Johnson)
- Chris Behrer joins the call and shares their materials
- Nathan: will you be adjusting regional variations?
 - Chris: Yes
- Nathan: the published pricing is listed pricing (i.e. walk in the door with cash) but most payments come from third-party insurers. Curious if the impact of that is less about list price and more about what can be negotiated with the insurance providers
 - Chris: the transparency legislation requires insurers to post the negotiated prices, so they are observable. Market power is very important and a key reason a claims data set will be important instead of just pricing observations. Providers have more leverage if they see more patients, so it would be very valuable to see the prices between practices and the corresponding volume changes between those practices
- Nathan: when a practice is taken over, it's not just the pricing changes but what else they are doing to change the pricing structure overall. Maybe the original doctor was only doing minimum needs, but the new doctor is pushing for additional testing. Are you looking at that?
 - Chris: total billing, total spending per capita. The proposal should be something that needs to be done within the set amount of time, so the pricing piece is the main focus for this study but there is a lot of interest in the totals. If that can be completed within the grant timeline, that would be fantastic
- Jesse: when price adjustments occur based on contract renegotiations, inflationary effects are important to consider. There are markedly higher goals this renewal period given higher rates over the past two years
 - Chris: healthcare inflation is a great point and something to keep an eye on
- PI team drops from call and Kelsey asks for further questions from the committee
- No further questions from the committee, no objections to production

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DRRC Recommendation

Does the DRRC recommend this project for production? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
First Motion to Recommend:	Nathan Wilkes (Headstorms, Inc.)
Second Motion to Recommend:	Beth Martin (HCPF)
Production condition(s):	No conditions
Are there objections to this project's production? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>Production is not recommended if three (3) or more Committee members object.</i>	
DRRC Objector:	Basis for Objection:

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11:00 AM		25.100.15.3
Extract Type:	Limited	
Requesting Organization:	HCPF	
Project Title:	Hospital Payment Variation Outpatient	
CIVHC Presenter:	Amanda Kim, Director of Colorado State Initiatives	
Project Presenter(s):	Austin Wozniak, Health Systems Value Analysis Unit Manager Karis Burnett, Consultant, Health Management Associates (HMA)	
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Committee Discussion and Questions

- Amanda shares brief overview of project and funding mechanism (Robert Wood Johnson)
- PI team joins the call and shares brief overview
- Nathan: extending the inpatient request—do you have materials showing the outcomes from the prior work or how it is going?
 - Austin: we do have a public-facing tool that was built using this data (available here: <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/paymentVariation>)
- Nathan: ever since the beginning of the APCD, there have been discussions about price as a proxy for quality. It's always curious to see how we are expanding the pricing tools to color the data more accurately, but that's a longer discussion
 - Andy: the folks CCMCN works with will like this tool. This is great. Appreciates Nathan asking the question
- PI team drops from call and Kelsey asks for further questions from the committee
- No further questions from the committee, no objections to production
 - Beth Martin supports this project but abstains from voting as a HCPF employee

DRRC Recommendation

Does the DRRC recommend this project for production? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
First Motion to Recommend:	Andy Woster (CCMCN)
Second Motion to Recommend:	Nathan Wilkes (Headstorms, Inc.)
Production condition(s):	No conditions Add explanation here if there are production conditions.

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Requesting Organization:	DOI	
Project Title:	Data Mart Use Cases (3)	
CIVHC Presenter:	Amanda Kim, Director of Colorado State Initiatives	
Project Presenter(s):	Kate Davidson, Insurance Data Science Manager	
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Committee Discussion and Questions

- Amanda shares brief overview: three use cases presented
- Kate Davidson joins the call and shares further details
- **Use Case:** Benefit Utilization and Review
Using PHI data elements Member 5-Digit Zip Code, Member Dates of Service, Member Eligibility Dates
 - No questions from the committee on this use case
- **Use Case:** PBM Utilization and Costs
Using PHI data elements Member 5-Digit Zip Code, Member Dates of Service, Member Eligibility Dates
 - Nathan: loves this use case. Curious if there is differentiation between type of drug—within the chronic community there are a lot of varieties of drugs (some frustrations in mail prescriptions and PBMs)
 - Kate: appreciates this note, eager to look into this further
- **Use Case:** Network Adequacy
Using PHI data elements Member 5-Digit Zip Code, Member Dates of Service, Census Tract
 - No questions from the committee on this use case
- PI team drops from call and Kelsey asks for further questions from the committee
- Nathan: do we have prior use cases examples on hand? No concerns, just curious
 - Amanda: we do have documents capturing all the use cases and all the elements that have been previously reviewed
- No further questions from the committee, no objections to production

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DRRC Recommendation

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First Motion to Recommend:	Jesse Villines (Craig Hospital)
Second Motion to Recommend:	Beth Martin (HCPF)
Production condition(s):	No conditions Add explanation here if there are production conditions.
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