

Colorado APCD Data Release Review Committee (DRRC)

Application Review Responsibilities and Approval Criteria

1.200.5 Requests for Data and Reports (from the CO APCD Rule)

1.200.5.A. A state agency or private entity engaged in efforts to improve health care or public health outcomes for Colorado residents may request a specialized report from the APCD by submitting to the administrator a written request detailing the purpose of the project, the methodology, the qualifications of the research entity, and by executing a data use agreement, to comply with the requirements of HIPAA.

1.200.5.B. A data release review committee shall review the request and advise the administrator on whether release of the data is consistent with the statutory purpose of the APCD, will contribute to efforts to improve health care for Colorado residents and complies with the requirements of HIPAA.

By Rule, the role of the DRRC is to, *review the request and advise the administrator on whether release of the data is:*

- *Consistent with the statutory purpose of the APCD*
- *Will contribute to efforts to improve health care for Colorado residents, and*
- *Complies with the requirements of HIPAA.*

CO APCD Data Request Requirements:

1. Statute identifies the CO APCD statutory purpose as: FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE REPORTING OF HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH QUALITY DATA THAT RESULTS IN TRANSPARENT AND PUBLIC REPORTING OF SAFETY, QUALITY, COST, AND EFFICIENCY INFORMATION AT ALL LEVELS OF HEALTHCARE. This requirement is not usually an issue raised in DRRC application reviews.
2. Each request must fully comply with the privacy and security requirements of HIPAA and HITECH, as well as joint FTC/DOJ Anti-Trust Safety Zone guidelines.
3. Each request must generate a health care related benefit for Colorado residents. CIVHC and the DRRC have historically interpreted this requirement in a Triple Aim context. If the requestor can tell a convincing story regarding how their proposed use of the CO APCD will help to improve 1.) Health outcomes for Colorado residents, 2.) The quality of care delivered, or 3.) Help to reduce costs, the DRRC generally considers this requirement satisfied.

In addition,

4. All requests for access to CO APCD data must be made through, *“a written request detailing the purpose of the project, the methodology, the qualifications of the research entity...”*

Because it is the role of the DRRC to review applications and advise the administrator, the project purpose, methodology and qualifications of the requestor are also legitimate considerations for purposes of DRRC review.

These are the only statutory and regulatory criteria governing releases of data from the CO APCD.