

APCD Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting November 20, 2024



The [Texas All-Payor Claims Database Advisory Group](#) met on November 20th, 2024, to provide general updates and discuss ongoing pilot projects. The advisory group was established by [HB 2090](#) (87R), and is tasked with assisting the Center for Healthcare Data with updating policies, evaluating data requests, and developing recommendations.

1. Welcome - Robert Morrow, MD; Executive in Residence & Associate Professor, UT Health School of Public Health

2. TX-APCD Report – Statistics and Updates - Lee Spangler, JD; Associate Professor, MPACH, & Executive Director, Texas APCD

- The APCD now has over 9 million raw number data rows, each representing a claim.
- The recent [rule proposals](#) will be adopted in the Register on November 22nd. The proposal implements [HB 3414](#), updates the CDL version, and makes procedural changes. You can view TAHP's comments on the proposal [here](#).

3. TX-APCD – Data Use Agreement - Lee Spangler, JD; Associate Professor, MPACH, & Executive Director, Texas APCD

- The Center will begin allowing access to TX-APCD data through a virtual machine hosted on UTHouston equipment.
- The data will not be copied, transmitted, or transferred to any other server or computer system.
- Center staff discussed how researchers will use the portal to access data, as well as limitations on the use of that portal.
- The Data Use Agreement will require researchers to agree to abide by HIPAA, adhere to CMS' cell suppression policy, and agreement not to contact providers, payers, or patients.

4. Pilot – Harris County Chronic Disease Prevalence - Trudy Krause, DrPH, MS, CPHQ, Professor, MPACH, & Center for Health Care Data

- The Center was asked by Harris County to use the data to analyze disparities in the county relating to outcomes across demographics.
- The Center was able to develop heat maps for conditions like asthma across the county, showing how reported instances changed over time.

- The county has been using the maps frequently in their health presentations, and would like to continue receiving this information on an annual basis.

5. Pilot - TEPHI - Trudy Krause, DrPH, MS, CPHQ, Professor, MPACH, & Center for Health Care Data

- The Center also performed a pilot project for the Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute (TEPHI)
- TEPHI performs wastewater monitoring so that they can conduct early interventions.
- The APCD was able to provide statistics on cases of influenza and RSV, and they developed a visualization portal for TEPHI.

6. Adjourn - Robert Morrow, MD; Executive in Residence & Associate Professor, UT Health School of Public Health