



Center for Health Information
and Analysis

APCD User Workgroup Webinar

November 19, 2013

Agenda

- Announcements
- Updates on Release 2.0
- IRBNet Frequently Asked Questions
- Common Application Issues
- SME Office Hours



CHIA posted RFI on Comm-PASS: Massachusetts APCD Product Planning

- **Purpose**: to engage researchers, health information technology firms/experts, health analytics consultants/firms, and others as CHIA plans for the APCD Enterprise Data Warehouse
- **Topics**: include a wide range of questions related to:
 - data validation, standardization and enhancement;
 - Master Physician Index and other Master Data Management issues;
 - benchmarking and “best practices” from other multi-payer databases;
 - data movement; and tool sets.



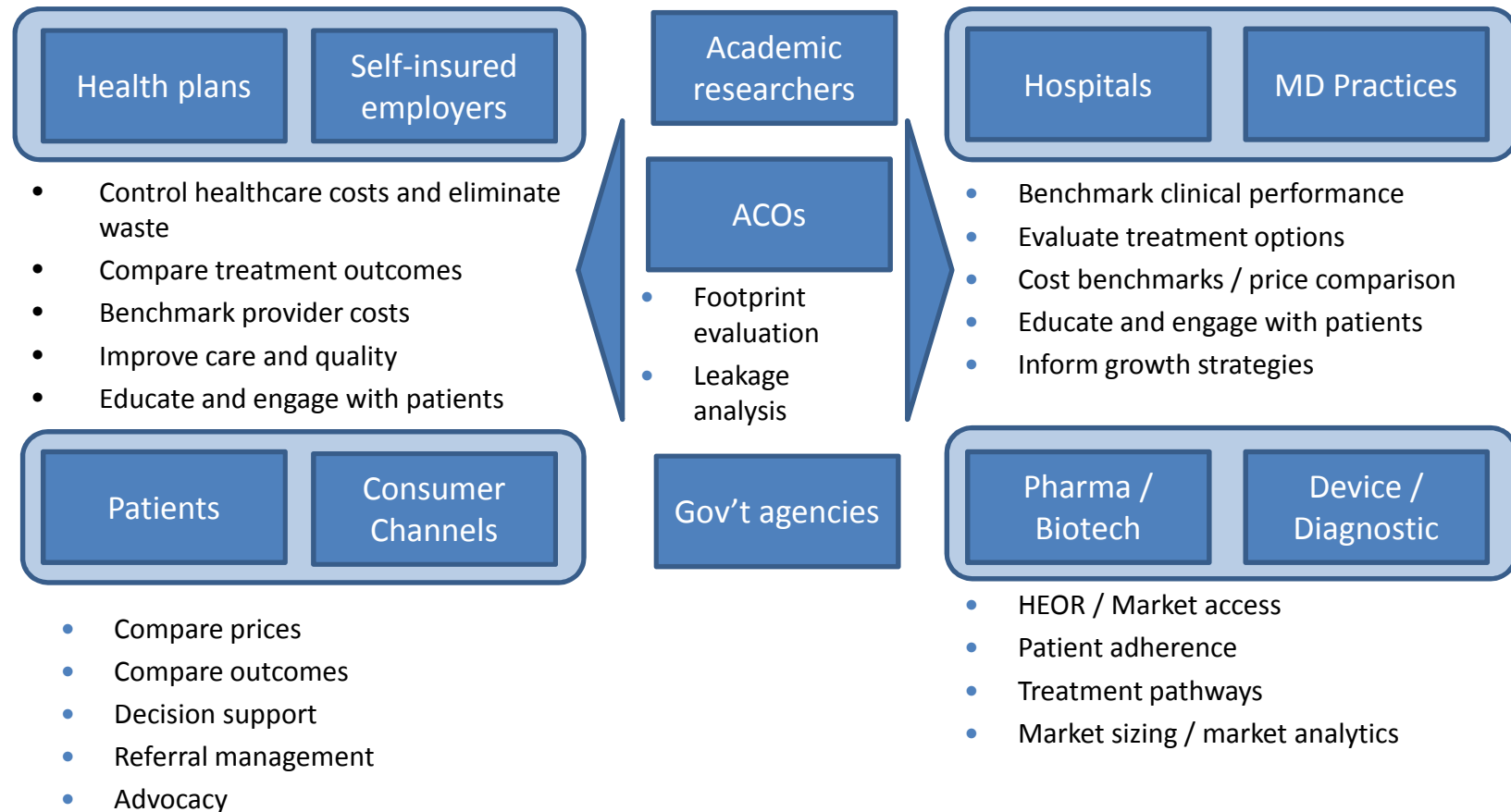
CHIA posted RFI on Comm-PASS: Massachusetts APCD Product Planning

- Responses were due by October 15th.
- 20 responses were received.
- Thank you for participating!

If you would like a copy of the product plan, please send an email to CHIA-APCD@state.ma.us and we will share it with you.



Multi-payer data can be used by many stakeholders



APCD Release 2.0

- Scheduled to be available January 2014.
- You may apply for 2012 APCD data now.
- Features:
 - Dates of Service through 12/31/12, paid through 6/30/13
 - Highest version logic checks for large payers
 - (Release Version 2.0 with additional payer updates in 2.1)
 - Master Data Management / Master Patient Index
 - (Release Version 2.1 scheduled for end of 1st quarter 2014)



What to Expect in 2014

- Internal Enterprise data warehouse design will improve data management and delivery in CHIA
- Further administrative simplification
 - ACA Risk Adjustment
 - Group Insurance Commission
 - Health Policy Commission
 - Division of Insurance reporting
- Specs and business plan for provider portal
- First research publications based on MA APCD



IRBNet: Frequently Asked Questions

- How do I “affiliate” with CHIA?
- Where do I find the application documents available for download?



Common Application Issues

- Requests for **Level 3** data elements:
 - These are generally NOT AVAILABLE for release.
 - If you think one or more of these elements are critical to your project, please send an email to apcd.data@state.ma.us providing your justification for needing Level 3 data.



Common Application Issues

- Common issues regarding **Physical Security**:
 - You may not store CHIA data in a residence/home office.
 - CHIA data may not be placed on portable media/storage devices (ex. Flash drives)



SME Office Hours – Every meeting!

- Our subject matter experts are available to answer your technical questions about APCD and Case Mix data.
- Please submit your questions in advance when possible.
 - Examples:
 - “How stale is the data we would get from the Dental file?”
 - “Are mental health and substance abuse claims contained within the APCD?”
 - “Can you explain discharge dispositions as they relate to Case Mix data?”



Questions?

- General questions about the APCD:
(CHIA-APCD@state.ma.us)
- Questions related to APCD applications:
(apcd.data@state.ma.us)
- Questions related to Casemix:
(casemix.data@state.ma.us)



Calendar

- 11/21 - Data Release Committee Meeting
- 12/10 – Monthly TAG Meeting with Payers
- 12/17 – Monthly User Workgroup Webinar
(rescheduled from 12/24)

