

# Massachusetts All-Payer Claims Database: User Workgroup

August 27, 2013

# Agenda

- Introduction
- Overview of the Data Specification Workbook
- Common Issues with APCD applications
- September Workgroup: IRBNet

# New Manager of Accounts

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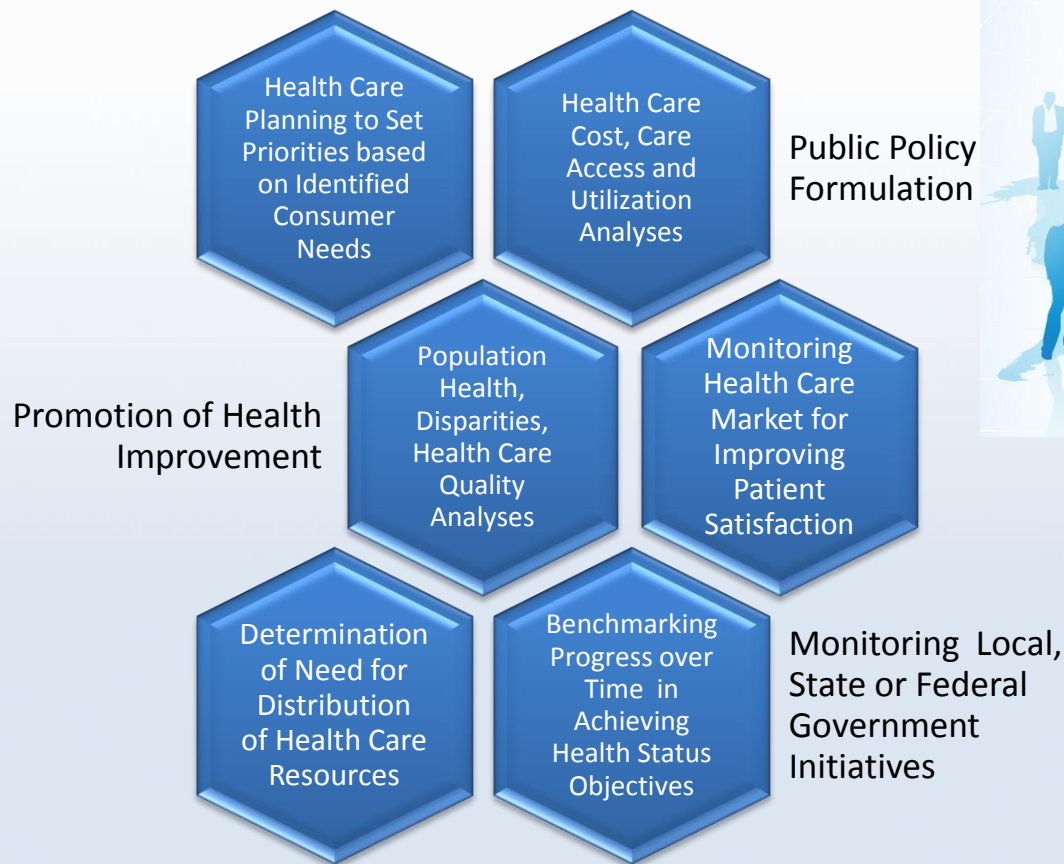
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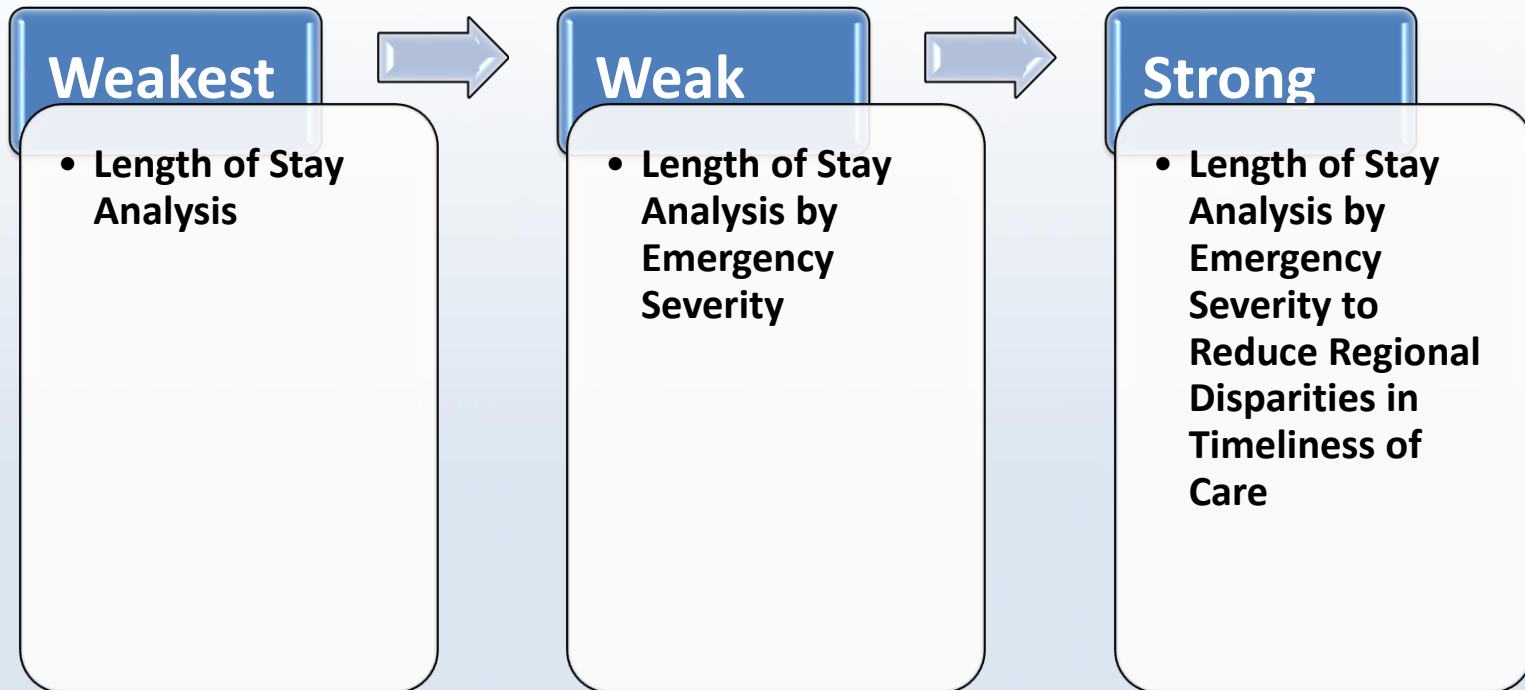
# Writing a Clear and Coherent Justification for each Data Element is Necessary for CHIA to Determine if the Use is in the Public Interest

## Examples of Uses in the Public Interest



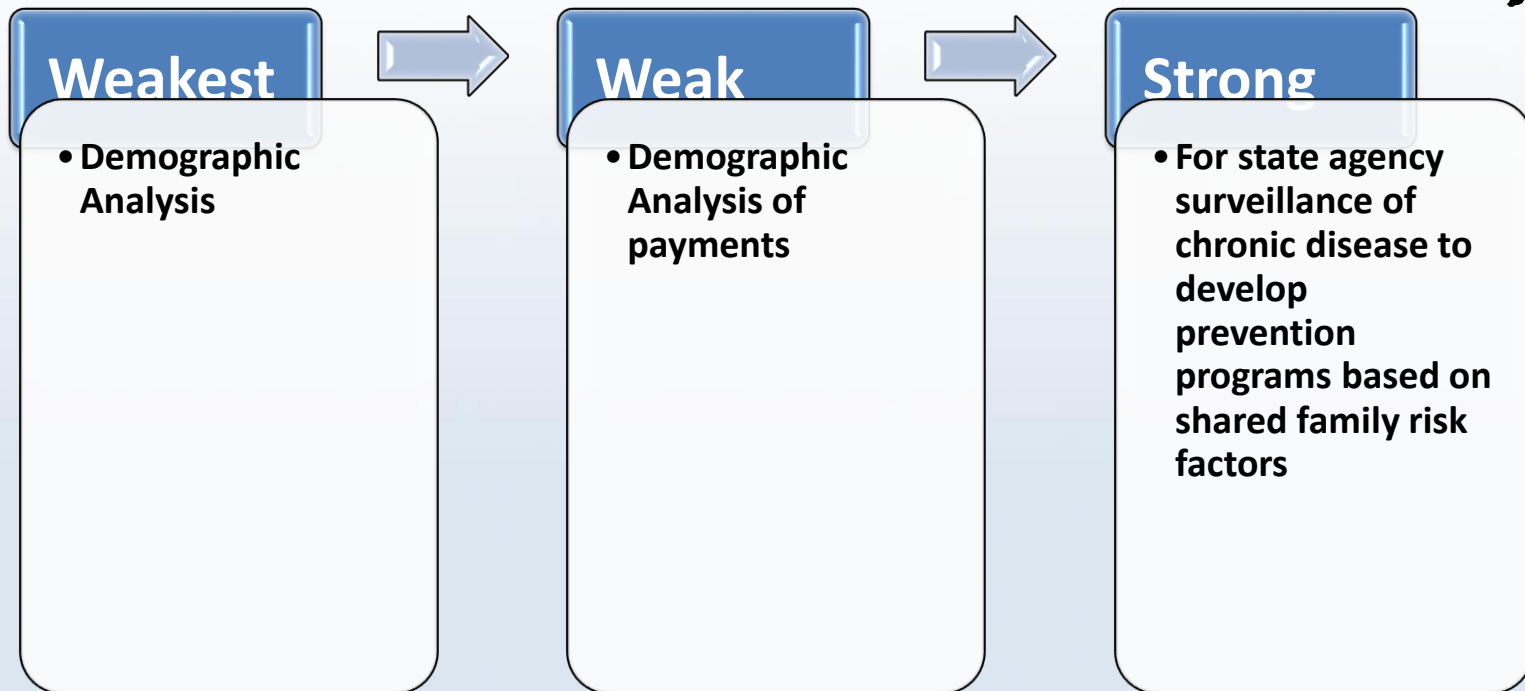
# Examples of Weak and Strong Public Interest Justifications

## MC012 Admission Hour



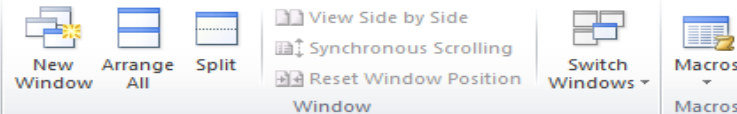
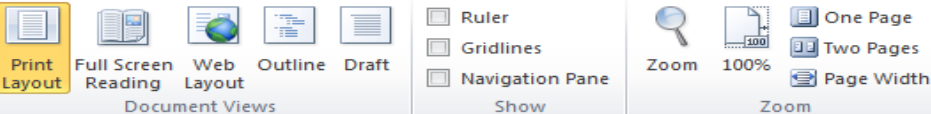
# Examples of Weak and Strong Public Interest Justifications *(continued)*

## ME012 Individual Relationship



# Data Use Agreement

- Page 1: Name of the data recipient  
(where will the data be housed?)
- Signature: Someone must be able to sign on behalf of the data recipient.
  - Common Issue: grad students cannot sign on behalf of their university.



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(Level 2 or Above)**

**CENTER FOR HEALTH INFORMATION & ANALYSIS  
DATA USE AGREEMENT**

This Data Use Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into between the Center for Health Information and Analysis (“CHIA”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (“Data Recipient”), effective as of the  
[NAME OF ORGANIZATION]

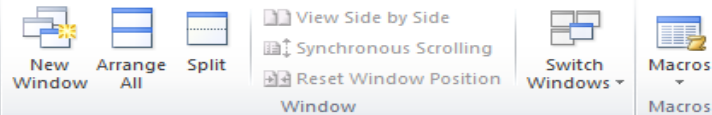
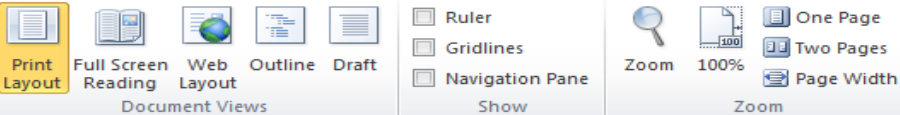
date of execution below. The undersigned Data Recipient and all its authorized representatives, subcontractors, agents, and employees, in consideration for the receipt of All-Payer Claims Database data and/or Hospital Discharge Database data, and/or any data subsets derived therefrom (“CHIA Data”), agree that they will observe all of the conditions set forth below regarding the use of any CHIA Data that contain confidential data, personal data, and/or protected health information.

**Data Recipient Obligations**

- 1) The Data Recipient, its employees, agents, and/or contractors shall use CHIA Data ONLY for the specific purpose(s) stated in the Application submitted to CHIA pursuant to 957 CMR 5.00, as approved (with or without additional restrictions) by the Executive Director, and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The approved application, including any additional restrictions imposed by the Executive Director, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 2) The Data Recipient, its employees, agents, and/or contractors shall follow all policies and procedures set forth in its Application, and shall use CHIA Data in conformity with each of the assurances made in the Application attached as Exhibit A.
- 3) The Data Recipient shall limit access to the CHIA Data to such authorized employees, agents, or contractors as are reasonably necessary to undertake the project approved by the Executive Director as described in Exhibit A.
- 4) All Data Recipient employees, agents, and contractors provided with access to CHIA Data shall



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data or protected health information. A Data Recipient who violates this Data Use Agreement, or 957 CMR 5.00, will be subject to all penalties and remedies allowed by law, including but not limited to M.G.L. c. 214 § 1B and M.G.L. c. 93A. CHIA will notify state and federal law enforcement officials, as applicable, of any violations of 957 CMR 5.00 and of any data breaches in connection with any violation of this agreement.

It is the sole responsibility of the Data Recipient to ensure compliance with all other local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

### Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Data Recipient Organization

BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Case Mix Workbook

- Section V of the application (Requested Data Elements [Case Mix]) refers to a **CASE MIX DATA SPECIFICATION WORKBOOK**.
- Will be posted to the website soon.

# Medicare Data

- Medicare data is only available to sister Massachusetts state agencies.
- All others must request Medicare data from CMS directly.

# MassHealth Data

- MassHealth data currently resides within the APCD.
- Not currently available for release. CHIA is working with MassHealth to make it available.

# Questions?

Any additional questions regarding the APCD application process?

# September Workgroup - IRBNet

- September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:00
- Preparing for IRBNet
  - Goes live October 1<sup>st</sup>
  - ALL applications submitted after 9/30 must come in through IRBNet.
  - Additional training sessions may be scheduled.

# QUESTIONS

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