

Texas All Payor Claims Database Stakeholder Advisory Group

Notes

April 23, 2025 – 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Attendees:	
Dr. Cecilia Ganduglia Cazaban, UTHealth	Bernadette Inskeep, United Health Group
Dr. Trudy Krause, UTHealth	Jimmy Blanton, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Dr. Bob Morrow, UTHealth	Elena Marks, Episcopal Health Foundation
Lee Spangler, UTHealth	Dr. Lane Aiena, Huntsville Family Medicine
Devin York, UTHealth	Blaise Duran, Employee Retirement System of Texas
Donna Alexander, UTHealth	Jeff Tullos, DistributionNOW
Joseph Harrison, UTHealth	Jennifer Miff, Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council Foundation
Gladys Rodriguez, UTHealth	Monica Thyssen, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute
Liam McElhiney, UTHealth	Holly Holcomb, Childress Regional Med Center
Laura Chamber, UT System	Kyle McKay, Teacher Retirement System
Karen Love, Cook Children's Health Plan	

1. Welcome

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

- Dr. Morrow reminded the group share any conflicts, where applicable, during the conversation.

2. New Member Welcome

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- Dr. Morrow and the Advisory Group welcomed a new industry representative: **Bernadette “Bernie” Inskeep**, Regulatory Financial Operations and National APCD Program Director at UnitedHealth Group following Ms. Pati McCandless’ departure from the Advisory Group. Bernie brings over three decades of combined clinical and insurance sector experience. A registered nurse with a BSN earned in 1985, she spent the first 10 years of her career in clinical settings before joining UnitedHealth Group, where she has worked for over 20 years. For the past 14 years, Bernie has led UnitedHealth Group’s All Payer Claims Database (APCD) program, ensuring strategic coordination and compliance with submission requirements across multiple jurisdictions. She is widely recognized as a national APCD expert, actively participating in advisory and data release committees in states including Virginia, Connecticut, Oregon, Delaware, New Mexico, California, Utah, Colorado, Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Georgia. Bernie has also provided APCD-related testimony at both state and federal levels.

3. TDI Regulation – Advisory Group Staggered Terms

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- Mr. Spangler explained the new staggered Advisory Group terms in TDI regulations as outlined in 28 TAC §21.5406:
- Business community and consumer members: terms expire December 31, 2026
- TRS (Teacher Retirement System), hospital, and health benefit plan issuer members: expire December 31, 2027
- ERS (Employees Retirement System), physician members, and non-industry affiliated members: expire December 31, 2028
- Higher education representative: expires December 31, 2025
- A six-year consecutive term limit remains in effect.

4. CDL 3.0.1 Implementation Update **Lee Spangler, JD; Associate Professor, MPACH, & Executive Director, Texas APCD**

- The updated CDL 3.0.1 went into production on April 1, 2025, following the end of the test submission period. The TX-APCD is currently receiving production files and responding to submitter support needs.
- Extensions have been granted to submitters needing additional time, provided all data is ultimately submitted.
- Notably, validation processes have been updated to ensure alignment with CDL specifications, including stricter enforcement of null field requirements (e.g., spaces are now considered non-compliant where nulls are expected).
 - This is creating a larger than usual number of submitter inquiries.

5. TX-APCD Quick Statistics **Lee Spangler, JD; Associate Professor, MPACH, & Executive Director, Texas APCD**

- Payor Data received overview (and graphics)
- Update(s) since the last report – We are actively receiving claims data from payors.
- Just over 12 billion raw data lines received. The TX-APCD has claims information on **20.8 million** covered lives (Jan 01 – present).
- **13.4 million** covered by Commercial and Medicare Advantage in 2023.
- **2.6 million** covered by Medicare Fee-For-Service in 2023.
- **4.8 million** covered by Medicaid in 2023.

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