

Testimony to the Oregon Health Policy Board  
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All Payer All Claims Data Base

The state's proposed all-payer all-claims data base has **tremendous potential for driving change in Oregon.**

Oregon has a five-year history in building and using multi-payer claims data bases to improve health care quality. Under the organization of the Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation many partners have learned that building cross-organization claims data is technically difficult, expensive and highly worthwhile.

The mandated regulatory all payer data base should be framed as part of a **shared public-private community asset.**

Oregon is already a national leader in multi-payer claims database design. We are the only community with web-based delivery of results and actionable quality improvement tools, not simply quality scorecards. Oregon can lead again by building a single resource that serves public reporting, private sector quality improvement and public policy analysis purposes.

The state will need a **staged implementation strategy** that allows time for using the data before expanding the acquisition of more data.

Everyone -- data suppliers, data users, those being measured -- learns a lot from each other at every step of the process. An iterative cycle and careful plan will assure that the state's scarce resources produce useful products, not simply an enormous warehouse.

**Vendor procurement** is an expensive, long-term investment that is critical to success.

As part of a national 24-community network doing the exact work the Quality Corp does, we see that many vendors will assert their capabilities, but very few have the real merging experience and analytical tools that work. We also see that some components can be generic, but others are highly community specific (e.g. provider directories). The state's procurement process should be conducted to thoughtfully build on the infrastructure that is already in place in Oregon.

The Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation is eager to assist the Oregon Health Policy Board in capitalizing Oregon's existing work as it builds the all-payer all-claims data base.

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