
APAC Technical Advisory Group

Potential New Data Fields and Next Steps

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The Oregon Health Policy Board made recommendations for using APAC.*

- Create a measurement framework that includes measures of utilization, cost, coverage, quality, and equity.
- Report measures by market segment, health plan, health care setting, geography, and other variables.
- Create a technical advisory group to provide input on collection, validation, and use of APAC data.
- To promote administrative simplification, use APAC data for insurance rate review activities.

* Oregon Health Policy Board. *Recommendations for Aligning Affordable Care Act Implementation with Oregon's Health System Reform*. December 16, 2013. <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/srgdocs/recommendations-governor.pdf>

The APAC Technical Advisory Group was chartered to advise OHA on:

- Data sources and validation processes required to produce accurate, reliable, and valid reports.
- Additional data elements necessary to address expanding needs and goals for APAC data.

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Fields that would be useful for contracted projects and research

Center on Health Systems Effectiveness (CHSE)

Potential new data fields were ranked using the following rules:

1. Sort fields not already captured in APAC to the top.
2. Sort fields critical to OID and Q Corp Rate Review Grant activities to the top.
3. Sort by OID priority (high to low).
4. Sort by usefulness for calculating cost metrics as identified by Milliman (Cost, Other/NA).
5. Score and sort by Q Corp and CHSE priority (high to low).
6. Sort by data field name (A to Z).

The list of potential new data fields also shows:

- APAC submission file where the new field would be added.
- Whether the new field is captured in the Milliman Submission Model.

The model was defined by Milliman in conjunction with the All Payer Claims Database Council recommendations. The format is generally being followed by Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Virginia, and Vermont.

The five highest-ranked potential new data fields are:

1. Exchange Flag
2. Plan
3. Market Segment
4. Metal Tier/Actuarial Value
5. Network

OHA also requested stakeholder input on groupers and other analytical tools.

- Johns Hopkins ACG and Health Partners TCRRV are critical for Q Corp Rate Review Grant activities.
- Episode Treatment Grouper (ETG) licensed through Milliman is set to expire.

Next steps for expanding, validating, and providing access to APAC data:

APAC TAG:

- Recommend new data fields, groupers, and other analytical tools.
- Review and approve data validation plan.

OHA and OID:

- Execute rules change allowing OID to access APAC data.

Appendix: Definition of APAC Limited Data Set and Public Use Data Set

Under OAR 409-025-0100 , “limited data set” and “public use data set” are defined as follows:

- “Limited Data Set” means protected health information that excludes direct personal identifiers and is disclosed for research, program operations, or to a public health authority for public health purposes.
- “Public use data set” means a publicly available data set of de-identified health information containing only the data elements specified by OHPH for inclusion.