

Oregon Health Authority

All Payer All Claims Data Request Fact Sheet

OHA has implemented a streamlined data release process designed to maintain data privacy and security and to ensure that APAC data are used appropriately.

Available Data¹

Types of Data

Summarized data are generated by request only. Because Summarized data show counts or aggregated totals only, this type of APAC data is usually requested by individuals who would like analytic support from OHA. Summarized data offer the lowest level of detail, and do not contain protected health information (PHI) or patient-level data. Because creating these reports is not OHA's primary function, the requester must clearly outline the parameters of the data request – including what summarized data elements to include and how to stratify the data.

Public Use data sets contain claim level detail, but exclude PHI and any combination of data elements that directly identify any person. Public Use data sets cannot be linked to external data sets and the data are grouped into seven “pre-made” files, and users will receive all data elements within each requested file. For a list of available files, refer to the [Public Use Data Set Files](#) workbook.

Limited data sets offer a higher level of detail than Public Use data sets and contain PHI, although they exclude direct identifiers such as patient name or address. Limited data sets may be disclosed for research, health care operations, or to a public health authority for public health purposes. Limited data sets can be linked to other external data sets, if explicitly approved by OHA. As with Public Use data sets, Limited data are organized into seven files; in contrast to the Public Use data sets, however, these files are not “pre-made” for users. Rather, in compliance with federal privacy laws regulating the release of PHI, requesters must identify and provide justification for the specific data elements needed within these files, and only the minimum necessary data elements required for the project will be approved and provided. For a list of available files and data elements, refer to the [Data Element Workbook](#).

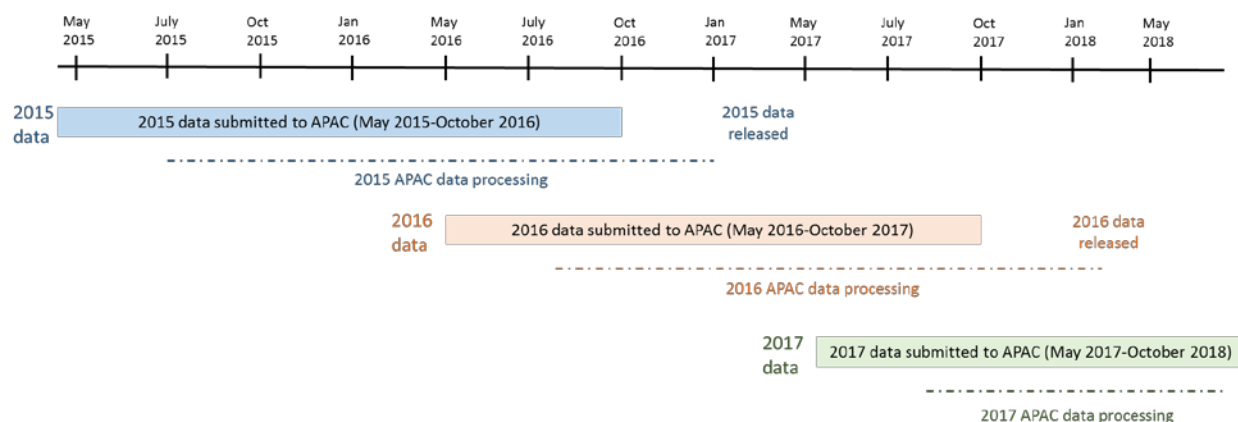
Custom data sets may include any of the data elements that APAC collects, whether that element is included in the Public Use or Limited data set specifications or not; however, direct identifiers such as patient name or address are only released in compliance with HIPAA requirements, and may require specific approvals in addition to OHA review. Custom data sets can be linked to other external data sets, as long as this is explicitly approved by OHA. As with Limited data sets, only the minimum necessary data elements required for the project will be approved. For a list of elements collected in APAC, refer to *Data Elements Collected by APAC* section of the [APAC Data User Guide](#).

¹ While APAC includes data from commercial insurers as well as from public payers such as Medicaid and Medicare, APAC is not the correct data source for those solely needing Medicaid data. Please contact OHA.HealthAnalyticsRequest@state.or.us for further instruction on requesting a Medicaid data set. Furthermore, only projects that are directed and funded by OHA are eligible to receive claims-level Medicare FFS data. Medicare Advantage data is available for request.

Years of Data

Because of variations in claims lag and OHA’s rolling 12-month submission schedule, APAC data are not considered complete—and thus not released—for approximately two years (for more information about claims lag, see the [APAC FAQs](#)). For example, claims for calendar year 2014 were released in January 2016 – as soon as data from the fourth quarter of 2014 could be considered complete. This lag time helps ensure that the data are as complete and reliable as possible. The graphic below illustrates the timeline for APAC claims data submission and release.

Timeline for Claims Data Submitted to APAC



How to Request Data

Requests for all types of APAC data begin by completing the [APAC-2](#) form (Pre-Application) and submitting it to apac.admin@state.or.us.

To request Limited and Custom data sets, requesters should first submit the APAC-2 form and then, when prompted by OHA, submit the [APAC-3](#) form (Application). The table below provides the costs and time needed to process the application for each type of data set.

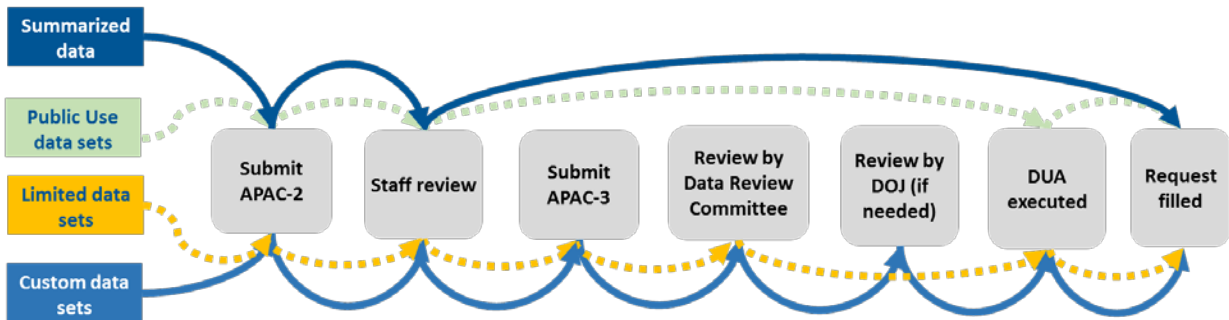
Data Set	Required Forms	User Cost	Processing Time
Summarized Data	APAC-2	Based on time and materials needed	2-4 weeks
Public Use Data Set	APAC-2	Listed in APAC-2	2-4 weeks
Limited Data Set	APAC-2, then APAC-3 when prompted	Listed in APAC-3	2-4 months
Custom Data Set	APAC-2, then APAC-3 when prompted	Based on time and materials needed (generally range from \$2,000-\$8,000)	2-6 months

Review Process

For summarized and public use data, OHA typically reviews and processes the data request upon receipt of the APAC-2 form. These requests are usually approved, although may require answering some questions from OHA, especially for summarized data requests.

For Limited and Custom data sets, OHA reviews the APAC-3 form for completeness and to ensure the minimum amount of data necessary is requested. Once the request passes OHA’s initial review, it is sent to the Data Review Committee (DRC) for further evaluation. Applications requesting direct identifiers may also require review by the Department of Justice (DOJ). After the application passes these reviews, OHA makes the final determination to grant or deny the data request.

How to Obtain APAC Data



Data Review Committee

The DRC is an advisory body convened by OHA that evaluates requests for Limited and Custom data sets to help determine whether applications comply with state and federal guidelines for using APAC data. At a minimum, the DRC evaluates APAC requests for whether:

- Proposed project purpose is allowable under OHA policies and state and federal laws;
- IRB documentation is required and if submitted, sufficient;
- Proposed privacy and security protections are sufficient;
- Minimum amount of data necessary to complete the project is requested;
- Further clarification is needed.

The DRC meets monthly and reviews requests in the order received (the meeting schedule is posted on the [DRC website](#)). Applications are posted for public comment for at least two weeks prior to DRC review. If an application is received within two weeks of the next DRC meeting, it will not be reviewed until the next month's DRC meeting. The DRC may ask the requester for additional information before completing their review. OHA strongly encourages requesters to thoroughly complete the application as soon as possible to account for unanticipated delays.

Data Costs

Payment collected from APAC data requests help OHA recoup its costs to collect, process, and warehouse the data, and make it available to outside entities. Costs associated with the Public Use and Limited data sets are found in the APAC-2 and APAC-3 respectively. In order to avoid delays in processing, OHA requires payment to be submitted with those documents. Public Use and Limited data set requests will not be processed until payment is received. Summarized and Custom data requests are billed based on a time and materials basis. Requesters will be sent an invoice if/when their request is approved. OHA will not fulfill Summarized and Custom data set requests until payment is received.

OHA only accepts payment by check. Checks should be made payable to Oregon Health Authority and remitted to:

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