



All-Payer Claims Database

“A major advantage to having an APCD is the ability to understand—in ways not otherwise possible – how and where health care dollars are being spent. This understanding of health care expenditure patterns and the performance of the health care system, via quality and access metrics, is vital to develop data-driven health reform efforts resulting in impacts (including increased access to care, reduced costs, and improved quality) that can be effectively measured.”

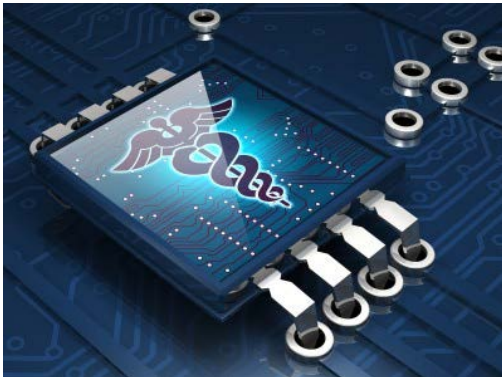
Mr. Alan Prysunka, Executive Director of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO)

Combine your databases for more successful analysis and reduction in healthcare costs

Most healthcare organizations in the U.S. collect an immense amount of data. With all this data, there is a great opportunity and potential for every interested actor to improve their services effectiveness, quality, efficiency, and accessibility. The challenge, however, is to combine all the different databases and be able to produce significant analysis and provide informed solutions.



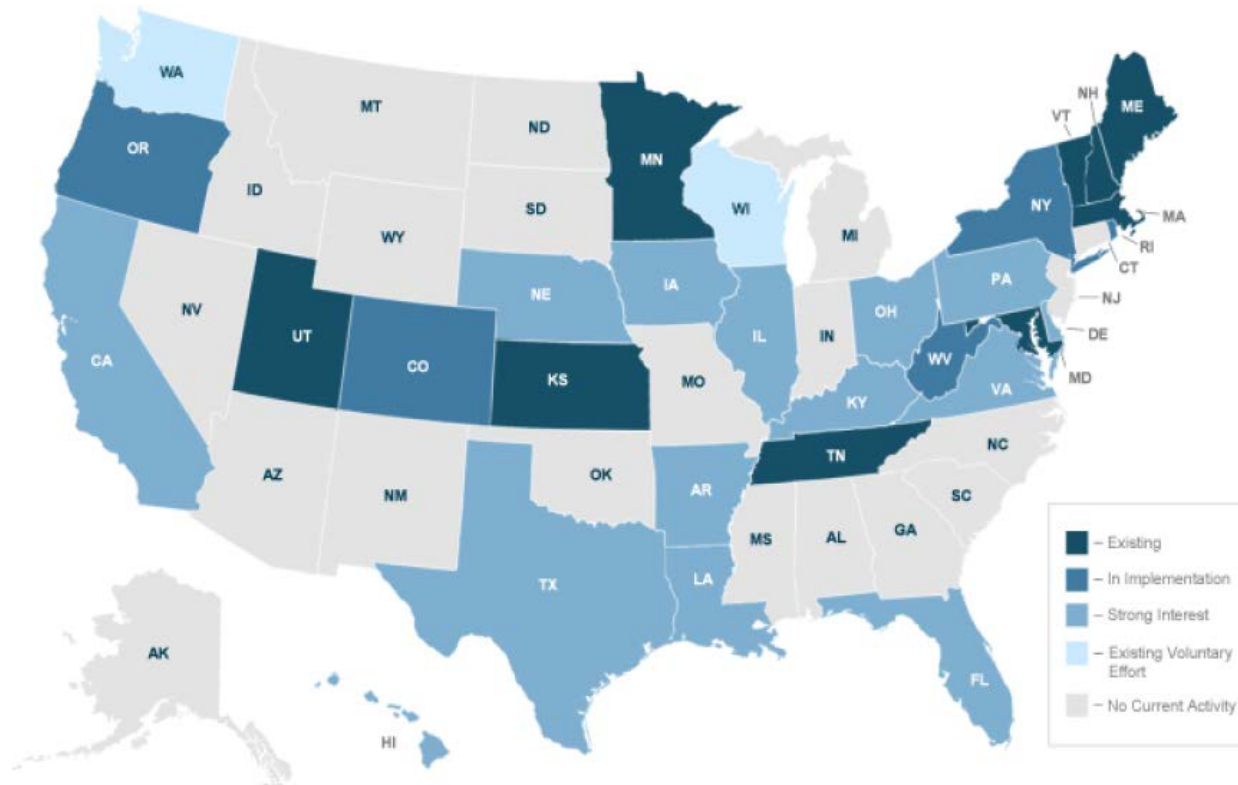
APCD Basics



All-Payer Claims Databases (APCDs) are large-scale databases that collect and combine healthcare claims data from different sources. Having an APCD provides States with the ability to measure the performance of healthcare delivery by understanding all the different aspects of care delivery and performance.¹

APCDs aim to include data on the fully-insured, self-insured, Medicare, and Medicaid populations. The information collected typically includes patient demographics; diagnosis, procedural, and National Drug Code (NDC) codes; costs (including plan and consumer paid amounts); information about the type of service providers; and payer information (e.g., type of health plan). APCDs, therefore, include important information that has utility for Medicaid programs to support policy development and program infrastructure.²

State initiatives to improve healthcare conditions



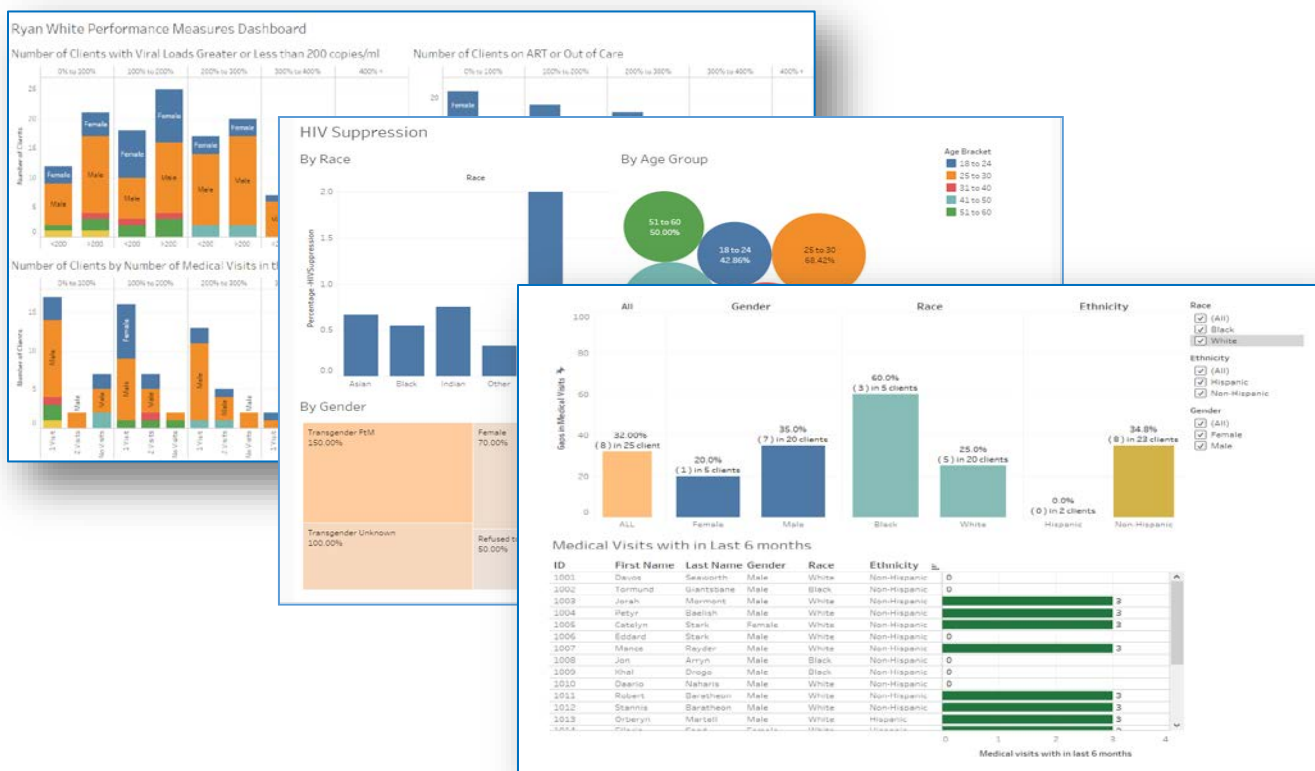
Nowadays most states recognize how vital it is for their healthcare programs to have an all claims payer health data systems. Maine was the first state to establish their APCD in 2003. By 2008, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire followed the trend and passed legislation to implement APCDs. Then, in 2010, Minnesota, Tennessee, Utah, and Vermont implemented statewide APCDs. Currently, more than 30 states are implementing or have strong interest in implementing APCDs.³

APCD are highly complex and require important coordination efforts and management. That is why most of the states have resorted to develop reporting systems that facilitate data formatting and increase efficiency to provide understandable, transparent, and actionable information to their stakeholders.

Our Solution: *Lifia Reporting*

APCDs require tools to aggregate, collect, and analyze data. Furthermore, successfully operating an APCD requires strong program management with the right tools and the right partner.

A.J. Boggs' Lifia Reporting presents your data in clear and instructive ways reduces the stress of complying with reporting requirements, and our team provides the necessary support to implement and manage your APCD. With various subscription and additional custom options, Lifia Reporting offers performance dashboard and reports with real-time access to service data segmented by funding source, services, and client characteristic among others.



To learn more about APCDs and many of the solutions and tools A.J. Boggs can provide for transforming your program and generating positive outcomes to the healthcare community, contact us today.

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