

A New Tool to Help Minnesota's Employers Control Their Health Care Costs

Health care costs are one of the biggest pressures facing Minnesota businesses. The Minnesota All Payer Claims Database (MN APCD) can be a resource to help employers keep their health care costs in check.

Getting to better value with data

Self-insured employers often feel in the dark about their health care spending. They pay the bills without knowing whether they are getting a good deal—or being overcharged.

While employers can request their health care claims data, accessing and analyzing that data can be cumbersome and costly.

With the MN APCD, employers can easily see where their health care dollars go. They also can receive custom reports with actionable insights that can help them manage their spending.

Participating in the MN APCD is easy

- ▶ Employers notify their Third-Party Administrators (TPAs) that they want to “opt-in” to the MN APCD.
- ▶ TPAs submit de-identified claims data to the MN APCD each month on behalf of the employer.
- ▶ MN APCD holds the data secure and confidential, prepares dashboards, and engages with employers on data needs and custom reports.

Unlocking spending insights

Employers that opt into the MN APCD get unique insights into what health care services they are paying for, which provider organizations are giving them the best prices, and how their spending stacks up against other employers in the state.

WITH THIS INFORMATION, THEY CAN:

- ▶ Identify savings
- ▶ Negotiate better contracts
- ▶ Design smarter benefits

By participating in the MN APCD, employers can get a better handle on their health care costs—and deliver greater value for shareholders and employees.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Contact health.apcd@state.mn.us.

What is the MN APCD?

The MN APCD is the most comprehensive data system on health care prices, use, and spending in Minnesota. It includes de-identified medical, dental and pharmacy claims, eligibility, and provider files from 100+ private and public payers across the state. The Minnesota Department of Health uses this data to produce public reports that inform state health policy.

When employers opt into the MN APCD, they have access to stronger data and data products that help them get a better understanding of their health care use and spending. They can request data files and custom reports.

Stronger data, in turn, means better transparency, helping to inform policies to lower costs and improve care for all.

Opt into the MN APCD to have data at your fingertips

- ▶ De-identified member encounters
- ▶ Prices for health care encounters at facilities, clinics, and for Rx
- ▶ Per-member per-month spending
- ▶ Percentage of employer spending and out-of-pocket costs
- ▶ Comparisons against statewide benchmarks

