



Health Care Homes (HCH): Case level data

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Why does HCH need Patient Level Data?

Independent recommendations from researchers told MDH:

- Research using patient-level data does not include individual's private identifying information.
- Patient level data is considered the “gold-standard” for researchers doing evaluation work on health and health care related industries.
- MN needs to demonstrate research methods for evaluating PCMH that are nationally recommended and are best practices including:
 - Reliable research results with face validity
 - Adjust for clustering
 - Variation based on geographical effects
 - Support analysis of subset effects
 - Propensity scoring matching to understand HCH diffusion
 - Address & limit potential bias due to omitted variables
- Measure the differences in the effect of HCH on care quality and on the components underlying the optimal measures by factors such as age, gender, or insurance type

Please request referenced literature.

Legislation Authorized MDH to Receive Patient Level Data for HCHs

MN State Statute 256B.0752 Health Care Home Reporting Requirements:

Subdivision Two: The commissioners must provide to the legislature a comprehensive evaluation of the HCH model three years and five years after implementation.

- (3) the performance and quality of care of health care homes
- (4) measures of preventive care

MN State Statute 256B.0751 Health Care Homes:

Subd. 6. Evaluation and continued development

- (a) For continued certification under this section, health care homes must meet process, outcome, and quality standards as developed and specified by the commissioners.
- The commissioners shall collect data from health care homes necessary for monitoring compliance with certification standards and for evaluating the impact of health care homes on health care quality, cost, and outcomes.
- (b) The commissioners may contract with a private entity to perform an evaluation of the effectiveness of health care homes. Data collected under this subdivision is classified as nonpublic data under chapter 13.

HCH Rule Authorized MDH to receive Patient Level Data for HCHs

Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, chapter 4764.0040,

- Subpart 10.A, By the end of year one of health care home certification, the applicant for recertification must: participate in the statewide quality reporting system by submitting outcomes for the quality indicators identified and in the manner prescribed by the commissioner;
- Subpart 11B. To qualify for recertification, the applicant's outcomes in primary care services patient population must achieve the benchmarks for patient health, patient experience, and cost-effectiveness established under part 4764.0030, subpart 6
- Subpart 10 C. submit health care homes data in the manner prescribed by the commissioner to fulfill the health care homes evaluation requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0752, subdivision 2.

Change to HCH Representations at Certification & Each Recertification Year

7. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, chapter 4764.0040, the applicant will participate in the statewide quality reporting system in the manner prescribed by the commissioner. To meet this requirement, the applicant will submit patient level data for all applicable statewide quality measurement and reporting system (SQRMS) measures and all required HCH measures, as defined by the Commissioner, to MDH. The applicant will submit data through the MDH contracted data collection vendor; the data collection vendor will provide deidentified patient-level data from the applicant to MDH for the purposes of benchmarking.

8. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, chapter 4764.0040, and Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0752, the applicant will submit health care homes data in the manner prescribed by the commissioner to fulfill evaluation requirements. To meet this requirement, the applicant will submit patient level data to MDH, in the manner prescribed by the commissioner. The applicant will submit data through the MDH contracted data collection vendor; the data collection vendor will provide deidentified patient-level data from the applicant to MDH for the purposes of evaluation.

Letter at Certification and Recertification

The applicant will submit patient-level data for all applicable statewide quality measurement and reporting system measures and all required HCH measures as defined by the Commissioner to MDH, through submission to MDH's data collection vendor, (Minnesota Community Measurement) in order to meet the requirement to participate in the statewide quality measurement and reporting system, and to meet the health care homes evaluation requirements per 4764.0040 Subp.10A and Subp. 11 A.

The data collection vendor will provide deidentified patient-level data to MDH for the purposes of benchmarking and evaluation of HCHs.

For further information about HCH measures please see <http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/homes/outcomes/index.html>

Revised Registration Opt Out Language at MNCM

Beginning in 2014, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is requesting the receipt of patient level data. MDH has assured us (MNCM) that your organization is permitted to disclose this patient level data to MDH under applicable law (including Minnesota law and HIPAA) because it will be used by MDH for public health activities, health oversight activities, or other activities required or authorized by state or federal law.

Please indicate below your agreement to have patient level data sent to MDH.

MDH uses patient level data to:

- Validate quality measure results
- Publicly report clinic results
- Research risk adjustment methodologies
- Benchmark and evaluate Health Care Homes
- Design and evaluate public health interventions
- Research and analyze health disparities

MDH does not use patient level data to pursue investigatory or regulatory activities.

- **YES – My organization agrees to have MNCM share our patient-level data with MDH for specified measures.**
- NO – My organization does not agree to have MNCM share our patient-level data with MDH.

Save button with text “By clicking “Save”, I confirm my selection above.”



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