

Resources and Data Analysis on Opioid Utilization and MMDI Technical Assistance Tools

Questions and Answers

The State Data Resource Center (SDRC) Support Team compiled questions asked during this presentation, held on February 26, 2019, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., EST, and discussed these questions with CMS’ Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO) and Medicare-Medicaid Data Integration (MMDI) team. These answers are provided as a resource to assist you. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the SDRC Support Team by phone at (877) 657-9889 or by email at SDRC@econometricainc.com.

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1	How do you access COBA data?	SDRC offers state Medicaid agencies a secondary COBA feed, which includes all Parts A and B claims. This secondary COBA feed includes all the elements of the initial COBA feed that a state may be receiving for coordination of benefits, plus additional claim types that are typically excluded (e.g., 100-percent denied, 100-percent paid), provided that such claims are not excluded by the state through the enhanced feed process. If you have further questions on how to access COBA data, please contact the SDRC Support Team by phone at (877) 657-9889 or by email at SDRC@Econometricalnc.com . You may also learn more at: http://www.statedataresourcecenter.com/assets/files/Requesting_Data_for_Care_Coord_and_Program_Integrity.pdf .
2	Please address using COBA Parts A and B data versus historic Parts A and B data given that historic Parts A and B data is so old.	<p>There are three options for states to receive Parts A and B claims data via the SDRC process: COBA data, annual historic Parts A and B data, and monthly A and B data. COBA data can be considered closer to real-time data, and can be received on a daily or weekly basis. In comparison, historic final-action Parts A and B data files can have a lag of about 15 months and are shipped annually. Finally, monthly Parts A and B data can have a lag-time of about 3 months. Since daily or weekly COBA data is closer to real-time, adjustments to the data are not reflected, i.e., these are not final claims.</p> <p>Historic Medicare Parts A and B data, while, dated, can be valuable to states in understanding trends, risk factors, and developing effective care coordination models.</p>

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3	What are the ICD-10 codes used to identify opioid use disorder (OUD)?	The ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes used to identify opioid use disorder can be found on the Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse (CCW) website at https://www.ccwdata.org/web/guest/condition-categories . On this page, scroll down and click on “Opioid Use Disorder” to view the complete algorithms.
4	Does CMS’ data-driven algorithms prefer or prioritize certain OUD rescue drugs over others?	No. Weighting was not assigned to the different Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) drugs in the CCW algorithm for MAT.
5	Are there certain opioid antagonist drugs that more or less signal potential fraud?	The CCW indicators for opioid use disorder were not developed for purposes of program integrity, therefore we are unable to provide an answer regarding potential signs of fraud.
6	How many dually eligible beneficiaries are impacted by OUD?	According to the Medicare-Medicaid Linked Enrollee Analytic Data Source (MMLEADS) public use file (PUF), 2.54 percent of full-benefit and 2.08 percent of partial-benefit dually eligible beneficiaries had indication of opioid use disorder in 2012. These statistics were gleaned from the new OUD indicator information shared within the 2012 MMLEADS PUF, available here: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/Analytics.html .
7	Does SDRC have any resources on how states can calculate the morphine equivalence with the Part D PDE data?	Yes. In the August and September 2017 SDRC Opioids webinar, entitled Part D PDE Data and the Opioid Epidemic, a section of the presentation describes how to calculate morphine equivalence. The presentation can be accessed from the SDRC Public website at www.statedataresourcecenter.com . Select the “Announcements and Webinars” page and scroll to the bottom.

MMDI Technical Assistance Tools

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1	Is MMDI doing any work on ways to share chart data for unaligned dual eligible beneficiaries?	MMDI has not done any work in the past that has focused on this topic. For more information on the dually eligible population as a whole, CMS shares statistical and analytic reports found here: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/Analytics.html .
2	Who should I contact if I have questions about the MMDI use cases and resources?	Please reach out to the SDRC Support Team by phone at (877) 657-9889 or by email at SDRC@Econometricalnc.com .

General Questions

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1	Will the presentation and additional information be made available following the presentation?	The slides from this presentation, as well as a recording of the webinar, are available for download on the SDRC Assistance website and SDRC Public website at www.statedataresourcecenter.com . Select the “Announcements and Webinars” page and scroll to the bottom. For more information on accessing the SDRC Assistance website, please contact the SDRC Support Team by phone at (877) 657-9889 or by email at SDRC@Econometricalnc.com .
2	If we do not currently have SDRC access or have forgotten if we have an account, how do we get one or renew access?	The SDRC portal is currently only available to state Medicaid agencies. Please reach out to the SDRC Support Team by phone at (877) 657-9889 or by email at SDRC@Econometricalnc.com .

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