

Request for Services: APCD Council Thought Leader

Introduction

NAHDO seeks an experienced professional with deep experience in All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) development, use, and history to support the continued leadership and development of the APCD Council.

NAHDO needs someone to perform several functions, especially in the following areas:

- APCD Advocacy and Support
- Federal Awareness
- Opportunities for APCD Development

In addition, this professional will assist with other NAHDO projects and initiatives as part of the NAHDO project team.

We are willing to consider various arrangements, including full-time or part-time employment, or contracted services.

For more information about these options or to submit an application or proposal, contact Norm Thurston, NAHDO Executive Director, nthurston@nahdo.org.

Skills and Experience

The ideal respondent will have the following skills and experience:

- Deep understanding of APCD development and administration
- Sustainability, financing, and budgeting for APCDs
- Program or project management
- Relationships and interaction with state legislators or similar policymakers
- Experience and awareness of federal agency healthcare data efforts

Possible Activities

The respondent may be asked to lead some or all the following activities, and other duties as needed.

APCD Advocacy and Support

- Contribute to NAHDO's APCD Knowledge Base
 - Maintain and expand NAHDO's knowledge base of APCD development efforts
 - Catalog and curate our APCD use case library
 - Track state legislation related to APCDs
 - Assist in consolidating NAHDO's websites
- Respond to requests and provide information
 - Respond to requests to provide information or testimony to state legislators and committees
 - Provide informational resources to demonstrate the value of APCDs to stakeholders
 - Develop collateral to support state data needs

- Maintain an up-to-date slide deck summarizing current APCD activity
- Support APCD Council activities
 - Identify topics of interest to APCDs and other partners for inclusion in APCD Council activities
 - Recommend communication channels for the APCD Council community
 - Participate in APCD affinity groups and assist in coordinating across interest groups
 - Research topic areas identified by affinity groups or APCDs
 - Assist in identifying and developing relationships with potential NAHDO sponsors and members
- Monitoring external activities
 - Monitor the activities of other public and private databases (national and commercial) that have similar goals and scopes with APCDs
 - Track APCD-related interest and activities by professional organizations and identify opportunities to attend meetings or conferences, including presentations that promote APCDs as a valuable resource

Federal Awareness

- Track federal legislation relevant to APCDs and highlight implications
- Monitor federal budget process for opportunities and challenges for APCDs
- Identify needs and opportunities to provide input to key federal legislators and committee staff
- Track federal agency rulemaking that impacts APCDs, summarize implications for states, and lead response development
- Track funding opportunities from federal grants, contracts, and other mechanisms that could support APCD development or expansion, and summarize the opportunities for APCDs
- Respond to federal requests for information or other calls for input related to APCDs

Monitor Opportunities for APCD Development

- Track private funding opportunities
- Track opportunities to participate in projects led by foundations and non-profit organizations that develop and expand the use of APCDs
- Track industry changes in data collection, standards, or other APCD-related efforts

NAHDO Project Team

- Hospital Data Initiative – Advise on the development of topics for the Hospital Data Forum, assist with the development of educational materials, and support NAHDO's relationships with AHRQ
- CDC Environmental Public Health Tracking - Advise on issues related to Tracking Programs' access to health data, evaluation, and use cases.
- NAHDO Conferences and Events – Serve on the Conference and Events Steering Committee, contribute ideas and suggestions for content and host or moderate sessions as needed.

- Other Projects – Support NAHDO’s other projects, including contracts with states and other organizations. These projects typically have explored data availability, (such as demographic and SDOH data), data quality, and public reporting to identify current state, best practices, and challenges.