Health Record and Payment Integration Program Advisory Committee

July 26, 2018
Meeting Summary

Key discussion items include:

- The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) structured the meeting to provide important background context about the law, purpose and role of the Advisory Committee, and information about the State-Designated Health Information Exchange and its previous work with incorporating administrative claims transaction data into the CRISP Query Portal.

- The meeting began with some opening remarks about MHCC's task to convene interested stakeholders to assess the feasibility of creating a health record and payment integration program (program) that expands use of State–Designated Health Information Exchange (HIE), the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP), for electronic health record keeping and billing.

- Bruce Taylor, M.D. discussed the history and rationale of the Bill, noting the potential to increase administrative efficiencies and improve quality of care through a centralized repository. Dr. Taylor provided guidance to the sponsor of Senate Bill 896, *Health Record and Payment Integration Program Advisory Committee*.

- A representative of CRISP provided an overview of the HIE services they make available to the health care community today and information about a 2017 pilot study which explored how administrative transactions data could be incorporated into CRISP.   The pilot demonstrated claims data could be used in care delivery to inform providers about treatment relationships and missing data from the ambulatory setting (e.g., diagnoses, procedures, problem lists, etc.). The pilot encountered challenges since providers use multiple clearinghouses and all clearinghouses were not willing to participate.

- Representatives from payers provided perspective on volume and adjudication processes for paper and electronic claims noting the vast majority of clean claims are typically processed within 24 hours upon receipt; they also mentioned use of a limited number of clearinghouses for purposes of achieving economies of scale, negotiating power, and the benefit of value added services for providers including revenue cycle management. Other members of the Advisory Committee noted that clearinghouses are deeply embedded in optimizing revenue cycle management and provide valuable services, such as analytics. It was suggested there could be value in using CRISP as an ad hoc second destination to capture and disseminate information about claims data.

- *Action Items: Review the draft listing of discussion items and provide suggestions about scope for each that should be considered, including benefits, challenges, limitations, trade-offs, etc. The draft listing is available [here](#); a Word document was e-mailed on July 27, 2018.*

- *Upcoming Meeting: The Advisory Committee will convene again at MHCC offices on Tuesday, August 21st from 2:00pm to 4:00pm EDT. Meeting materials will be posted on the [webpage](#) the day prior.*