



**MARYLAND**  
**Health Care**  
**Commission**

# Data Release Advisory Committee Nominee

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# Background

## Improvements needed COMAR 10.25.05

- ▶ Expand the use of the ACPD data through the expanded data release process.
- ▶ Offer standard, limited and custom data set with linkage capabilities.
- ▶ Expand list of eligible organizations to individuals, government and non-government entities. .
- ▶ Develop comprehensive application and pre-application package including the data management plan questions and template data use agreement.
- ▶ Better align review standards for Medicaid and the commercially insured components.
- ▶ Create a transparent, thorough, and efficient review process.
- ▶ Establish a Data Release Advisory Committee
- ▶ Update Data Release Regulations COMAR 10.25.06 and 10.25.11



# The Law

- ▶ .03 Types of Data Available for Release
- ▶ .04 Requests of Medicaid Data
- ▶ .05 Requests for Data from Governmental Entities
- ▶ .06 Requests for Data from Non-Governmental Entities
- ▶ .07 Transparency of Data Request and Data Release Process
- ▶ .08 Data Release Advisory Committee
- ▶ .09 Data Release Advisory Committee Review
- ▶ .10 Executive Director Review and Decision on Requests for Data
- ▶ .11 Review of Decision on Requests for Data
- ▶ .12 Fees
- ▶ .13 Data Use Agreement
- ▶ .14 Compliance and Enforcement



# The Law: COMAR 10.25.05.08 - 09

## Data Release Advisory Committee

- ▶ Establish a Data Release Advisory Committee (DRAC)
  - ▶ Meets the membership composition requirements at the discretion of the Commission.
  - ▶ Performs the review functions of a privacy board as described in 45 CFR §164.512.
- ▶ Member composition includes academic research organizations, consumer advocacy organizations, employers, health care providers, health maintenance organizations, insurers, and nonprofit health service plans.
- ▶ The DRAC shall determine whether an application has met the appropriate criteria for approval.
  - ▶ Demonstrate the data requested is the minimum amount necessary to achieve the intended purpose
  - ▶ Provide a data management plan showing how the data will be stored and used securely.



# **The Law: COMAR 10.25.05.08 - 09**

## **Data Release Advisory Committee (Continued...)**

The membership of the DRAC shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Representatives of various stakeholder groups, including academic research organizations, consumer advocacy organizations, employers, health care providers, health maintenance organizations, insurers, and nonprofit health service plans, that possess the relevant experience, professional competency, and subject matter expertise;
- (2) At least one representative from Medicaid;
- (3) At least one Commission staff member who shall serve as an ex-officio member; and
- (4) Any additional representatives that the Commission determines are needed.

The Executive Director may remove a member of the DRAC for neglect of duty or misconduct by providing written notification to the DRAC member, stating the reason for the removal.



# DRAC Members Responsibilities

- ▶ Members of the DRAC shall serve for a term not to exceed 3 years.
  - ▶ At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed.
  - ▶ A member of the DRAC may be reappointed.
- ▶ The DRAC shall meet as necessary to:
  - ▶ Review completed applications requesting data;
  - ▶ Prepare reports and recommendations, with the administrative support of Commission staff, and submit them to the Executive Director;
  - ▶ If requested by Commission staff or the Executive Director, provide advice, consultation, and expertise on issues and questions that may arise:
    - ▶ Commission staff's review of applications under Regulations .05 and .06;
    - ▶ Executive Director's review of applications under Regulation .10 of this chapter;
    - ▶ Compliance and enforcement of a data use agreement under Regulations .13 and .14 of this chapter; and
  - ▶ Perform any other duties and obligations required of the DRAC under this chapter.



# DRAC Members Nomination



# DRAC Nominees

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NOMINATING ORGANIZATION	NOMINEES	NOMINEE BIO BLURB
Academic Research	Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH)	Elyse Lasser	Dr Lasser is a current Assistant Scientist and Center coordinator for the Center for Population Health IT (CPHIT). Manages large scale health IT research projects, develops research proposals, maintains relationships with collaborators, maintains legal documents, and coordinates the activities of analysts, faculty, and students involved with CPHIT.
	University of Pennsylvania Health System	Srinivas Sridhara	PhD MHS is the Chief Data & Analytics officer at Penn Medicine, enabling and driving Penn Medicine's transformative care, research, and education. Srinivas was previously the SVP & GM of Clinical Transformation and Risk at Optum Labs, the R&D arm of UnitedHealth Group
Consumer Advocacy	Consumer Health First	Elizabeth Sammis	During her professional career, Sammis held senior executive positions with various health insurers: Mid-Atlantic Medical Services, Inc. (MAMSI), United Healthcare, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, and Evergreen Health.
Employer	Switchbridge, LLC	Aaron Davis	Mr. Davis is currently the Founder and CEO of Switchbridge, LLC, where, in addition to managing the company, he leads product concept, design, and innovation.



# DRAC Nominees (Continued...)

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NOMINATING ORGANIZATION	NOMINEES	NOMINEE BIO BLURB
State Agency	Maryland Medicaid	Alyssa L. Brown	Ms. Brown is the Director of Innovation, Research, and Development for the Maryland Medicaid Program. She is responsible for leading health care delivery and payment reforms, overseeing program evaluation and data analytics, and managing the HealthChoice Demonstration Waiver Program.
	Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC)	Claudine Williams	Claudine Williams is the Deputy Director for the Medical Economics and Data Analytics Center at the Health Services Cost Review Commission. In this role, Claudine directs a team of staff responsible for the collection, aggregation, and dissemination of Hospital Discharge data.
	Strategic Data Initiative Representative	DBD	



# DRAC Nominees (Continued...)

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NOMINATING ORGANIZATION	NOMINEES	NOMINEE BIO BLURB
Privacy/Security/Compliance	Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP)	Bezawit Sumner	Ms. Sumner is the Director of Security and Compliance at CRISP and is an experienced Information Security professional with a demonstrated history of working in Health IT.
		Caterina Pañgilinan	Ms. Pañgilinan is the former Chief Compliance Officer/Chief Privacy Officer for the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. Caterina W. Pañgilinan has 30 years of experience in the management of organizations in the role of privacy and compliance policy.
Professional Association	National Alliance to Impact the Social Determinants of Health and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Raising the Bar initiative	Edward Hunter	Mr. Hunter is a public health and public policy consultant. He is a senior advisor to the National Alliance to Impact the Social Determinants of Health and Project Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Raising the Bar initiative.
Provider	Maryland Hospital Association (MHA)	Ahmed Elsayed-Ahmed	Mr. Elsayed-Ahmed is Director of Strategic Analytics at the Maryland Hospital Association where he conceptualizes data analyses to identify trends, opportunities, and performance improvements to reduce the total cost of health care in Maryland.



# Commission Action

Staff recommends the Commission approve the nominations to the Data Release Advisory Committee.





# Next Steps

- ▶ Notify nominees of DRAC appointment
- ▶ Convene the DRAC members in November/December
- ▶ Schedule bi-monthly meetings in 2023



Thank you