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**TO: MHCC Commissioners**

**FROM: Mahlet Konjit-Solomon, Chief of APCD Public Reporting and Data Release**

**SUBJECT: Maryland Medical Care Data Base Data Request Application Submitted by  
Baltimore City Law Department**

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Under current statutes and regulations governing access to MCDB data for research use, a non-governmental data requester must submit an application and acquire an approval of the application by the Commission prior to release of MCDB data. The applicant, Baltimore City Law Department submitted an application requesting MCDB data comprising of Commercial 2010 – 2020 and Medicaid 2011-2020 data for the research project “Assessing Extent of Opioid Epidemic in Baltimore City”. The study’s objective is to estimate the number of individuals affected by the opioid epidemic as well as healthcare utilization and opioid prescribing in the City of Baltimore from 2010 to 2020.

The required criteria for release of MCDB data include but not limited to the following:

1. An applicant must provide documentation of relevant education, training, and experience that demonstrates the applicant is capable of undertaking and accomplishing the objective of the proposed use of the data and being a responsible steward of the requested data.
2. The data elements requested by an applicant must be the minimum amount necessary to achieve the intended purpose for which the data is requested.
3. The proposed use of the data must comply with applicable State and federal laws, including those laws relating to the privacy and security of protected health information (PHI).
4. The proposed research use of MCDB data must be in the public interest.
5. Submission by the applicant of a data management plan that provides adequate data security safeguards and protections to prevent inappropriate and unauthorized disclosures of MCDB data; and Entry into a Data Use Agreement with the Commission that includes required terms and conditions set out in the Commission’s regulations.

Complete list of the review criteria can be found in the [COMAR 10.25.05](#)

Since the applicant requested Medicaid data that is housed in the MCDB, MHCC has obtained an approved referral from Medicaid to proceed with the MHCC application review. The referral approval and other accompanying documents are attached to this memo.

## **Attached documents**

1. The application
2. Baltimore City Law Department – Monument Analytics Agreement
3. Signed referral on an Application for Medicaid Data from the Medical Claims Data Base
4. IRB Approval/Determination Memo
5. Presentation Slides