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TO: MHCC Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Maryland Medical Care Data Base Data Request Application Submitted by
The Center For Population Health IT, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School Of Public Health

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, The Center For Population Health IT at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health submitted an application requesting MCDB data comprising of Commercial and Medicaid 2016-2020 data for the research project “Advancing Maryland’s Statewide Suicide Data Warehouse to Improve Individual and Population-level Mortality Prediction and Prevention”. The study utilizes predictive modeling and analytics using statistical approaches to identify suicide deaths.

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

- (1) approval by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) recognized by the Commission;
- (2) the proposed research use of MCDB data must be in the public interest;
- (3) 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
- (4) 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. JHU-CRISP Research Initiative Data Use Agreement
3. Signed referral on an Application for Medicaid Data from the Medical Claims Data Base
4. IRB Approval/Determination Memo
5. Presentation Slides