

# Arkansas Insurance Department

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**TO: ALL ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURERS, HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS & OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES**

**FROM: ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE, DATA SUBMISSION GUIDE MODIFICATION**

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Please find available via electronic publication by the Arkansas Insurance Department (“AID”), a revised version of the Data Submission Guide (“DSG”) for the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative (“Transparency Initiative”) at [www.insurance.arkansas.gov](http://www.insurance.arkansas.gov) and [www.arkansasapcd.net](http://www.arkansasapcd.net).

AID is providing for public comment a proposed revision to the DSG for the Transparency Initiative. Proposed revisions to the DSG include the addition of:

- New control count data process
- New fields for member data, medical claims, pharmacy claims, dental claims, and provider data
- Process to track coverage periods with no data
- More examples to better illustrate required data structures and processes.

Material revisions of the DSG are governed by AID Rule 100, promulgated pursuant to the authority granted in Ark. Code Ann. § 23-61-901, et seq. and other applicable laws or rules. Pursuant to AID Rule 100, Section 7B, notice is hereby given that public comment will be accepted for 30 days on material revisions to the DSG beginning August 1, 2017 you may use [arapcd@uams.edu](mailto:arapcd@uams.edu) to submit comments. AID and the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, the administrator of the Transparency Initiative’s all-payer claims database, will review comments with the Transparency Initiative’s Board and the Commissioner prior to issuing a revised DSG.

AID has posted a final revised version of the DSG at [www.insurance.arkansas.gov](http://www.insurance.arkansas.gov). A final revised DSG will also be available at [www.arkansasapcd.net](http://www.arkansasapcd.net). The revised DSG will be effective for data files to be submitted not less than 120 days after the posting of the final revised version of the DSG on the AID website.

All interested persons are encouraged to make comments, statements or opinions to AID and/or ACHI. Direct your inquiries to the Health Insurance Rate Review Division at (501) 683-3146 or the Arkansas Center for Health improvement at (501) 526-2244.



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