



HHS BULLETIN B-13-002

Health and Human Services Enterprise Data-Sharing for the Enterprise Data Warehouse

Purpose

To effect, consistent with the Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) initiative, data-sharing agreements for data residing in source systems across the Health and Human Services (HHS) agencies.

Background

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), authorized by H.B. 1, Article II, Health and Human Services Commission Rider 43 (82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011), plans to build an enterprise-wide data warehouse for strategic decision making and achieving operational improvements to programs and functions within the HHS system.

An enterprise data warehouse is comprised of technologies and applications that together create an entity capable of processing enormous amounts of data, thereby making it possible to identify relationships and make comparisons between information formerly residing in siloed systems incapable of communicating. The EDW is sponsored jointly by the HHSC Center for Strategic Decision Support and the HHSC Information Technology divisions.

The goal of the EDW is to integrate data across all HHS agencies to:

- improve the delivery of health care services to Texans;
- better evaluate program effectiveness;
- ensure that services are delivered in a cost effective manner; and
- forecast more accurately the state's future human services needs and priorities.

The EDW's initial scope includes all Medicaid data residing within the HHS agencies. Data from HHS source systems are required to achieve the EDW's vision for business intelligence that will advance the capabilities of Medicaid's programs to perform strategic analysis toward the improvement of services and outcomes. The identification of required data and the relevant source systems will be an ongoing process throughout the lifespan of the EDW.



Directive

HHSC IT and the HHSC, DSHS, DADS, DFPS, and DARS program areas responsible for source systems identified by HHSC IT as containing relevant data will enter data-sharing agreements that are consistent with EDW's mission and compliant with applicable legal constraints. As part of those data-sharing agreements, HHSC IT will demonstrate compliance with each source system's security and privacy requirements. The parties to each data-sharing agreement will modify their agreement as necessary when the needs of the EDW change and/or when changes are made to the source system that affect the terms of the data-sharing agreement.

Any costs incurred by the source systems in preparing and sharing the data will be borne by the source systems' programs. EDW will bear the costs of connectivity to the source systems.

Bulletin Expiration

This bulletin will expire August 31, 2018.

Inquiries

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