



CIVHC

Financial Assistance Initiative

Background

Prior to SFY 2020-2021, the Colorado General Assembly appropriated \$500,000 annually to be administered by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to defray a portion of the cost of licensing custom data and reports from the Colorado All Payer Claims Database (CO APCD) for eligible organizations. Organizations who met the criteria - non-profit organizations, and governmental entities including state-supported institutions of higher education - were able to access data at a greatly subsidized cost. In an effort to balance the State Budget during economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Assembly eliminated the funding for the program for the current fiscal year.

CIVHC values our government, research, and non-profit partners and want to ensure we are able to continue supporting these stakeholders with data and analytics from the CO APCD. The financial impact of the pandemic is severe, and CIVHC understands that these organizations need help now more than ever. As such, CIVHC will provide discounted access to data for organizations that may not have the ability to bear the full data licensing costs, for projects that focus on understanding and improving health care affordability for communities within Colorado.

Organizations previously eligible for Scholarship funding can receive a project discount between 20% and 50% for data requests and projects submitted during the current July 1 through June 30 fiscal year. Each project will be evaluated individually based on its own merit, potential impact to the community, and the requestor need, to determine the appropriate discount level. Guidance by project type and organization type is provided on the next page. CIVHC will provide this discount as long as it has the financial ability to do so, and requests early in the fiscal year are encouraged.

Eligible organizations:

- Colorado-based governmental entities
- Non-profit entities
- Public institutions of higher education and affiliated researchers that have a demonstrated potential impact on health care affordability within Colorado.

Eligible Projects

Data sets and reports that inform and support projects to address health care affordability at the community level within Colorado.



CO APCD data licensing fees vary by project type and are determined by the scope of work and resources needed. The tables below provide information on approximate data licensing fees by product type, and maximum discounts awarded by organization type.

Estimated Pricing by Product Type:	
	Range of Fees*
Standard Reports	\$500-\$7000
Custom Reports	\$1,500 - \$20,000
Standard De-Identified Data Sets**	\$13,000-\$25,000
Custom De-Identified Data Sets	\$15,000-\$30,000
Custom Limited Data Sets	\$20,000-\$40,000
Custom Fully Identified Data Sets	\$30,000-\$50,000

*Fee ranges reflect estimated costs. The actual data licensing fee will be determined by the scope of each request.

** Due to the nature of Standard De-Identified data sets, we are able to offer the greatest discount on this product type.

Data Licensing Fee Discount Range***	
	Maximum Discount
Colorado-Based Government Entities	25%
Non-Profit Entities with annual revenue greater than \$10M (excludes researchers and institutions of higher education)	25%
Non-Profit Entities with annual revenue between \$5M and \$10M	30%
Non-Profit Entities with annual revenue less than \$5M	50%
Colorado-Based Researchers and Institutions of Higher Education	25%
Researchers affiliated with Out-of-State Institutions of Higher Education	20%

***The actual data licensing fee discount will be evaluated based on the project's contribution to addressing health care affordability within one or more of Colorado's communities.

¹ A Custom Report means any report generated based on the APCD that is not provided as a Public Facing Report available through <http://www.civhc.org/change-agents/>. Custom Reports contain a summary or analysis of data derived from the Colorado APCD database. A Custom Report will never display claims line or member level detail.

² De-Identification of Protected Health Information (PHI): Health information that does not identify an individual and with respect to which there is no reasonable basis to believe that the information can be used to identify an individual is not individually identifiable health information (45 CFR § 164.514(a)).

³ Limited Data Set: A limited data set contains some protected health information data elements but must exclude the following direct identifiers of the individual or of relatives, employers, or household members of the individual (45 C.F.R. 164.514(e)(2))

⁴ Dataset refers to .txt files, or pipe-delimited files, containing all requested data elements. Datasets contain only raw data without analytics.

How to Apply

To apply for the CO APCD Data Discount Program, applicants must follow the existing APCD data request process administered by CIVHC. For detailed information about the data release application process, visit: <http://www.civhc.org/get-data/custom-data/>

For more information email ColoradoAPCD@civhc.org or call CIVHC directly at 720-583-2095.