

Department Series Report

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590#:Maine Health Data Organization						
Schedule #: 1641 1#:Ambulatory Services Source Data						
The Maine Health Data Organization was authorized by Title 22, Chapter 1683 to collect insurance forms directly from Maine Ambulatory Surgery Facilities and Physician Offices, within its data collection program. Ambulatory Service data consist of health care services performed at a physician's office or any non-hospital facility, to be used to compare costs and for market research studies. For example, a research company hired by a mobile x-ray unit in Maine conducted a study to compare costs of cat scans performed by all the portable x-ray units in Maine. The data is now being submitted directly from insurers, within our Claims database. Data elements may include: town codes, age, diagnosis, procedures, etc.	Paper	9/30/2005	No Retention	0	0	Destroy Current
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Schedule #: 1641 2#:Clinical Source Data						
The Maine Health Data Organization has a clinical data program in which it collects Inpatient, Outpatient, Emergency Room, and Claims Data from Maine hospitals and insurance companies. Once received, the data is copied onto the computer, edited, and converted into a usable format. Maine hospitals, State agencies, Researchers, Universities, etc. purchase this data to use to compare costs and to analyze health care trends. The data is often used to justify adding new services for patients. National studies are also done which compare hospitals within all 50 states. Requested data elements may include: town codes, age, diagnosis, treatment, length of stay, amounts paid, etc.	CD	9/30/2005	Years	2	0	Destroy Current
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Schedule #: 1641 3#:Financial and Clinical Health Care Data Requests						
The Maine Health Data Organization receives requests from Hospitals, State agencies, Researchers and Universities to purchase Hospital Inpatient, Outpatient, and Emergency Room data; Ambulatory Services Data, Health Care Claims Data; and Hospital Financial Data. Hospital data is used to justify adding new services for patients, to analyze trends, and to compare hospital costs and care in the state and nationwide. Data is also used to establish which patients hospitals are servicing. Requested data elements may include: town codes, age, diagnosis, treatment, length of stay, amounts paid, etc. The financial data is used to compare costs and to better understand hospital spending. The files contain the original requests, data request summary forms, and signed confidentiality statements, if applicable.	Paper	9/30/2005	Years	3	0	Destroy Current

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Schedule #: 1641 4#:Hospital Financial Data <p>The Maine Health Data Organization collects hospital financial data directly from Maine hospitals. The hospital financial data consists of Hospital Audited Financial Statements, Medicaid Audit Settlements, and Medicare Cost Reports. Information from this data is purchased by State agencies, Researchers, etc. The data is often used to compare hospital costs and to better understand hospital spending on a state, regional, and national level.</p>	Paper	9/30/2005 Years	5	Years 7	Destroy	Current
Schedule #: 1641 5#:Health Care Provider and Insurer Assessments <p>The Maine Health Data Organization has an assessment program in which hospitals, other health care providers, and health insurers pay an annual fee to support the Maine Health Data Organization. The Maine Bureau of Insurance annually sends in each insurance company's total dollar amounts of what the company paid out for insurance for Maine residents. This agency then sends those insurance companies a form for excluding certain types of insurance. Once these forms are returned, agency staff uses the adjusted figures to calculate what each insurance company is required to pay for an annual fee.</p>	Paper	9/30/2005 Years	7	0	Destroy	Current