



Join the Long-Term Care (LTC) Data Cooperative!

A new national effort to improve the care of long and post-acute care recipients, and to monitor the impact of treatment innovations and policy initiatives on this population.

The National Institute on Aging has funded the creation of an electronic health records system that will enable comprehensive tracking and studying of long term care data, by compiling the most comprehensive data on nursing home residents nationwide – and to manifestly translate these data into information that is accessible and actionable.

The American Health Care Association has partnered with Brown University, and Data Scientist firm Exponent, Inc., to develop the LTC Data Cooperative to utilize nursing home residents' electronic medical records (EMR) and associated data to create comprehensive electronic health records to help providers monitor their residents' needs and outcomes. Additionally, the system will support public health reporting as well as allowing researchers to generate real-world evidence on different treatments and care practices for the elderly and individuals with disabilities in nursing homes.

The Cooperative will be the largest assembly of data from geographically and structurally diverse nursing homes and the residents they care for that has ever been assembled. The data will be updated weekly versus the standard quarterly CMS approach.

Over time, the multi-year effort will serve three broad functions:

1. Assist providers with health care operations, including care coordination for residents who transfer between skilled nursing facilities.
2. Provide public health monitoring for medical conditions and infections, including COVID-19, to be securely shared with relevant health authorities.
3. Identify research opportunities for National Institute of Health funded academic institutions.

WHY JOIN

A major barrier to developing appropriate clinical and operational responses during this global pandemic is the lack of comprehensive data. Brown University and the American Health Care Association (AHCA) facilitated communication between selected EMR vendors and the CDC, and both initiatives offered the first glimpse of “real time” data on the status of the pandemic in nursing homes. The data sharing and collaborative spirit that has arisen during this time led to the concept of an industry wide centralized data sharing cooperative.

WHAT WILL BE COLLECTED

The LTC Data Cooperative represents the coming together of major long term care EMR vendors, and thousands of nursing homes to create a real time data infrastructure to undertake public health surveillance and will also have the ability to examine changes in the use of clinical treatments. It can also be used to evaluate the impact policies have on resident outcomes.

All participants will have the opportunity to:

1. Receive routine reports to assist with care coordination and improve operations and clinical systems of care.
2. View linkage of available EMR data to Medicare Claims Data.
3. Voluntarily participate in research funded through NIH Funded academic partners.

COST

It is **FREE** for all nursing homes.

HOW TO JOIN

1. Email LTCDataCooperative@ahca.org to receive program information, and DocuSign link for all legal agreements.
2. Once all agreements have been completed, AHCA will confirm registration via email within 72 hours.
3. AHCA will contact your vendor on your behalf to begin the data transfer process.

QUESTIONS?

Email LTCDataCooperative@AHCA.org with any questions or need assistance with figuring out if this is right for you.

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