



NAHDO 41st Annual Conference

#NAHDO2026

November 17-19, 2026

Pre-Conference Events: October 18, November 4 and 12

All times are Eastern Standard Time. Session dates and times are subject to change.

Presenters have been invited and are pending confirmation.

FULL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Pre-Conference Events — Igniter Sessions

October 28, 2026

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Rural Health Transformation: Community Data Profiles, Moderator: Monica Cañizares, Organizer: Monica Cañizares

Town-level Community Data Profiles as Implementation
Infrastructure for Rural Health Transformation

Ena Backus
Margaret Tiedemann

Freedman HealthCare
Freedman HealthCare

November 4, 2026

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Colorado's APCD at Work, Moderator: Monica Cañizares, Organizer: Monica Cañizares

From Statewide Trends to Local Action: Enhancing
Colorado's Dental Health Analysis with Medicaid and County-
Level Data

Shaneis Morse

Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC)

The Future of Health Research Depends on Longitudinal
Claims Data

Martha Meyer

Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC)

November 12, 2026

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Two Views on Health Equity from CHIA, Organizer: TBD

Unifying Data for Equity: Building Agency-Wide Health Care
Equity Dashboard

Haley Farrar-Muir

CHIA

Avoidable Emergency Department Visits in Massachusetts:
Understanding Regional and Demographic Disparities, 2019-
2025

Eihi Yoshinaga
Amy DeSantis

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
CHIA

Main Conference Sessions

November 17, 2026

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Opening Keynote, Moderator: Craig Schneider, Organizer: Craig Schneider

Opening Remarks and Welcome

Chris Krawczyk

HCAI & NAHDO Board Chair

Opening Day Keynote Address

12:10 PM - 1:10 PM

AI Applied - Turning Complex Health Data into Usable Answers, Moderator: Travis Kroot, Organizer: Travis Kroot

LLM-Based Drug-to-Condition Mapping for Condition-Specific
Drug Cost Estimation

Micaela Siraj
Caleb Hightower

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Pioneering the Nation's First APCD Chatbot

Jonathan Handsborough
Dominic Gayton

Indiana DOI
Onpoint Health Data

Building a Secure, Citation-Anchored RAG Model for Health
Data Organizations

Sylvia Hobbs

CHIA

1:40 PM - 2:40 PM

Late Breaking Topics, Organizer: Norm Thurston

Getting Value from NAHDOs APCD-CDL

Charles Foldyna-Hawley

NAHDO

State Showcase: Unlocking Access - Data Infrastructure for Better Care, Organizer: Sarah Crawford, Sponsored by Onpoint Health Data

Advancing the Secure Release of Claims Data: California's
HPD Secure Data Enclave

Kristal Popp

California HCAI

Comparing Utilization and Spending Between Medicare
Advantage and Traditional Medicare Using Colorado APCD
Data

Kimi Landry

Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC)

How Data Voyager and the WHIO APCD Are Bringing Conversational AI to Episode-of-Care Analytics	Dana Richardson Maureen Smith	WHIO Symphony Corp
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2:50 PM - 3:50 PM

Beyond the Obvious - Uncovering Hidden Gaps in Health Data, Moderator: Commence, Organizer: Mary Fields

Validating APCD Data through External Benchmarking: Lessons from Minnesota	Gina Robertson Alissa Bolz	Onpoint Health Data Minnesota Dept. of Health
Developing an Integrated Oral Health Workforce Supply and Demand Model for Evidence-Based Workforce Planning	Mandana Masoumirad Jamilla Abugazia	California HCAI California HCAI
Improving Race and Ethnicity Completeness in the Colorado All Payer Claims Database Through Historic Look-Back and Probabilistic Imputation	Emma Ubriaco	Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC)

How-To: From Access to Analytics - Practical Foundations for APCD Work, Moderator: Jonathan Mathieu, Organizer: Jonathan Mathieu

Creating the First Public Use Files using The New York State All-Payer Claims Database	Lindy Bearce	New York State DOH
Bridging Bills, Books, and Beds for Fiscal Transparency and Efficiency Measurement	Sarah Lindberg	Freedman HealthCare
Building R Packages for Reproducible Data Quality & Analytics	Sunni Raleigh	Onpoint Health Data

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Community Information Exchange, Moderator: Jenn Toms, Organizer: Jenn Toms

Panel Discussion	Paul Messino Chris Conklin Sara Hallvik	Mathematica Unite Us Comagine Health
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November 18, 2026

12:00 PM - 12:10 PM

Daily Welcome, Organizer: Norm Thurston

Opening Remarks and Welcome	Norm Thurston	NAHDO, Executive Director
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12:10 PM - 1:10 PM

Closing the Gap - What Granular Data Reveals About Health Equity, Moderator: Sara Hallvik, Organizer: Sara Hallvik

Beyond crude comparisons: using disease-specific spending and utilization estimates to identify health care disparities in the United States	Joseph Dieleman	University of Washington / IHME
Impact of Continuous Medicaid and CHP+ Enrollment on Children in Colorado	Megha Jha Jason Wright	Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC) Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC)
Health Care Spending Across Massachusetts Communities: Correlations to Community Sociodemographic Characteristics	Diego Burga	CHIA

1:20 PM - 2:20 PM

Navigating Sensitive Data, Moderator: Victoria Razin, Organizer: Victoria Razin

Panelists Invited, Pending Confirmation	Megan Denham Alex Dworkowitz	New Mexico Department of Health Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP
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State Showcase: Innovation from the Ground Up, Organizer: Kevin McAvey

Estimating the Prevalence of Parkinson's Disease and Parkinsonism Using the New York State All-Payer Claims Database	Brooke Turcotte	New York State Department of Health
Leveraging Multi-Payer Claims Data for Statewide Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship	Brian Hutchinson	Wisconsin Health Information Organization (WHIO)
Distance to Delivery: Leveraging Virginia's Hospital Discharge Data to Explore Driving Time and Distance to Maternity Hospitals	Dawniece Lewis Dani Saunders	Virginia Health Information (VHI) Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)

2:40 PM - 3:40 PM

From Data to Care - Tracking Behavioral Health Quality and Outcomes, Moderator: Kate Ahrens, Organizer: Kate Ahrens; Gina Robertson

Measuring use of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Commercial Claims Data	Chris Frenier	HCCI
The Effects of Mental Health and Substance Use on Mortality and Behavioral Healthcare Utilization in New Mothers	Sarah Crawford	ACHI
Scoring Behavioral Health and SUD Quality Outcomes in Kentucky	Sophia Tannir	KY CHFS

How-To: Data Quality and Value in Action, Organizer: Cain Farnam

Lessons Learned from Maryland's AHEAD Statewide Quality Measure Baseline Data	Keri Calkins	Mathematica
Complexities of Pharmacy Management	Ernie Shippey	Vizient Research and Insights
National and Local Trends in Healthcare Spending, Prices and Utilization	Ray Campbell	FAIR Health

3:50 PM - 4:50 PM

Director's Cut: Hidden Gems from This Year's Submissions, Organizer: Norm Thurston

From Governance to Action: Advancing Pan-Canadian Health Data Stewardship	Leslie Choy	Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI)
Effective Color Use for Communicating with Data	Sonja Lee-Austin	ForHealth Consulting at UMass Chan Medical School
Using Regulatory Changes in NPI Enumeration to Strengthen Place-Based Health Services Analysis	Ioana Crisan Leanne Candura	Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)

November 19, 2026

12:00 PM - 12:10 PM

Daily Welcome, Organizer: Norm Thurston

Opening Remarks and Welcome

Norm Thurston

NAHDO, Executive Director

12:10 PM - 1:10 PM

Transparency in Practice - State-Led Approaches to Price and PBM Reporting, Moderator: Keri Calkins, Organizer: KeriAnn LaSpina

Benchmarking Commercial Hospital Prices Against Medicare:
Vermont's Hospital Price Transparency Initiative

Hiroko Meserve
Mika Morton

Onpoint Health Data
Vermont

Building a PBM Data Collection Program: Lessons Learned

Molly Bailey

CHIA

PBM Market Transparency: Lessons from Pennsylvania's Act
77 PBM Study

Gary Swan
Lindsi Swartz

Freedman HealthCare
Pennsylvania

1:20 PM - 2:20 PM

Making Connections - Integrating Clinical and Claims Data for New Insights, Moderator: Mike O'Neill, Organizer: Mike O'Neill

Integrating Clinical and Claims Data to Advance Quality
Measurement in Vermont

Sophia Shaw
Caleb Denton

Onpoint Health Data
Vermont Blueprint for Health

Closing the Gaps: Integrating Clinical and Claims Data to
Improve Quality Measurement and Population Health

Darryl Millner

CyncHealth

Accelerating Clinical Trials Recruitment through Real World
Data

Gurpreet Kaur
Emily Hubbard

DHIN
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State Showcase: Governing for Access - How States Are Modernizing Data Release, Moderator: Cindi McElhaney, Organizer: Cindi McElhaney

Modernizing Health Data Access: CHIA's Data Release
Reform Initiative

Leah MacArthur
Donald Kirkwood

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From Siloed to Streamlined: Implementing an Interconnected
Healthcare Data Release Process in Rhode Island

Lorie Geryk
Chad MacLeod

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Genesis of a Health Department Data Asset Catalog

Evaren Page

Oklahoma State DOH

2:40 PM - 3:40 PM

Expanding the Toolkit - Novel Data Sources for Health Policy Questions, Moderator: Leanne Candura, Organizer: Leanne Candura

Remarks: Comparing Federal Transparency Data to APCD-
Based Cost Estimates

Leanne Candura

Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)

An Untapped Resource for Data Centers and Payers: HIEs

Mike O'Neill
Jan Lee

MedicaSoft
DHIN

Analyzing Transparency in Cost Data from Healthcare
Insurers

Sukshma Sathyanarayanan
Nathan Grodzinsky

GTRI
GTRI

Beyond Claims: Building the Data Infrastructure for Food Is
Medicine

Jessica Gorhan
Jenn Toms

NH Hunger Solutions
Innsena

How-To: Sustaining and Communicating the Value of Your Data Program, Moderator: Nathan Hedberg, Organizer: Nathan Hedberg

Turning APCD Data into Local Action: Building Colorado's
County Health Care Profiles

Sarah Ford

Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC)

Good Data Isn't Enough to Sustain Your Program

Samantha Holvey

Innsena

A Full Picture of Preventable Hospital Returns

Shannon Garrison

Solventum

3:50 PM - 4:50 PM

Employer Use Cases and Fiduciary Responsibility, Moderator: David Schleifer, Organizer: Katie Martin

Providing Value to Employers

Julie Selesnick
Christine Monahan

Health Plan Legal Counsel
Georgetown University
