



# Present on Admission (POA): Use and Validation

NAHDO webinar  
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# Webinar Overview

- POA survey results (NAHDO)
- States experience collecting and using POA
  - Ginger Cox, CA- OSHPD
  - Chris Delcher, VHI
  - Binitha Kunnel-OK DOH
  - Laura McGlashan– MA DHCFP
- A few words from AHRQ
- Discussion

# States Collecting & Releasing POA

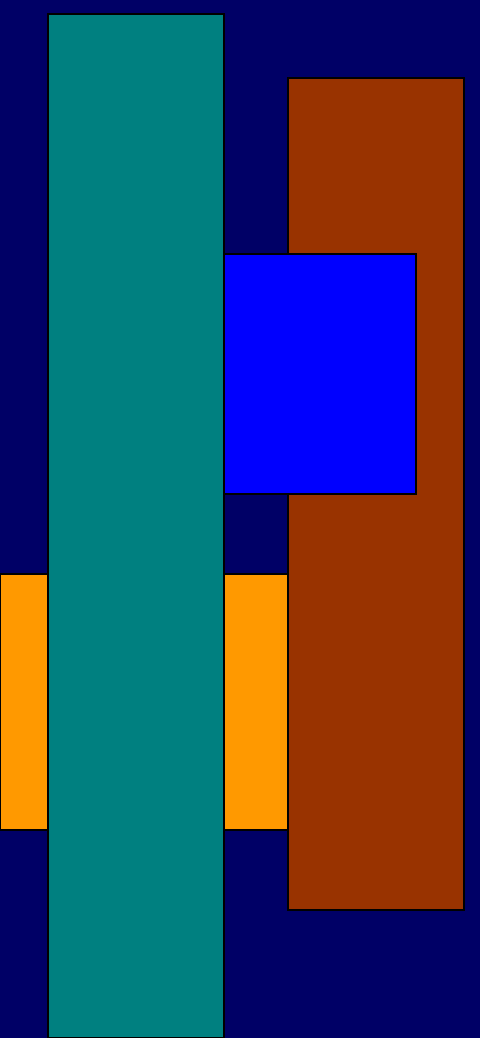
State	Collect	Release	State	Collect	Release
Arizona	Yes	yes	Nebraska	Yes	Yes
Arkansas	Yes	Yes	Nevada	Yes	Yes
California	Yes	Yes	New Hampshire	Yes	Yes
Connecticut	Yes	UNK	New Jersey	Yes	Yes
Florida	Yes	Yes	New Mexico	Yes	Yes
Georgia	Yes	Yes	New York	Yes	Yes
Hawaii	Yes	Yes	Oklahoma	Yes	No
Illinois	Yes	UNK	Oregon	Yes	UNK
Indiana	Yes	No	Pennsylvania	Yes	No
Iowa	Yes	Yes	South Dakota	Yes	UNK
Kentucky	Yes	No	Tennessee	Yes	UNK
Maine	Yes	No	Vermont	Yes	No
Maryland	Yes	UNK	Virginia	Yes	No
Massachusetts	Yes	Yes	Washington	Yes	UNK
Missouri	Yes	Yes	Wisconsin	Yes	UNK

**NOTE: This table has not been verified by states**



# Have there been any issues related to the use of POA in the Public Use File?

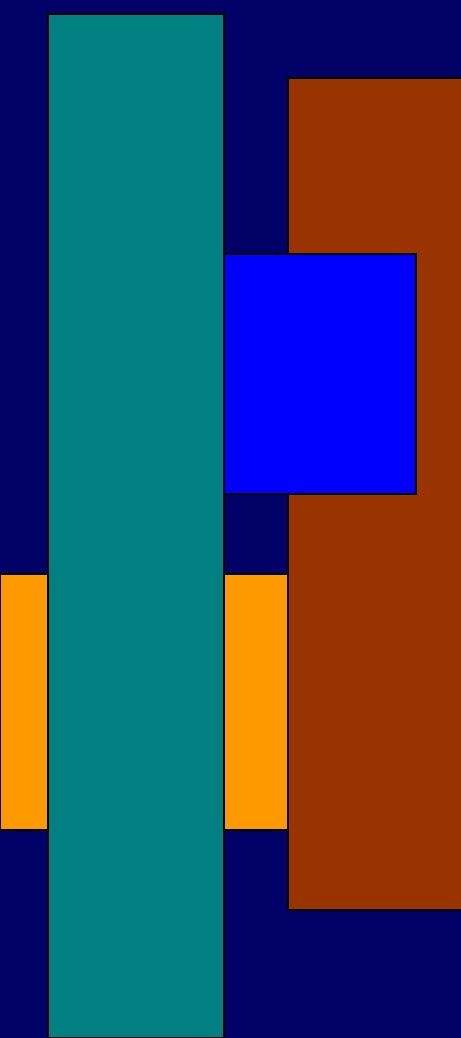
- 13 include POA in PUF
- Most reported no problems
- Issues identified
  - Make users aware of the validity issues
  - Worry about liability from the hospital perspective
  - Incomplete: some payers and facilities missing





## Reasons for not releasing POA in PUF.....

- Eight do not release
- Provider coding varies
- Incomplete: some payers and facilities missing
- Exploring edit options
- Collection just begun- plan to release

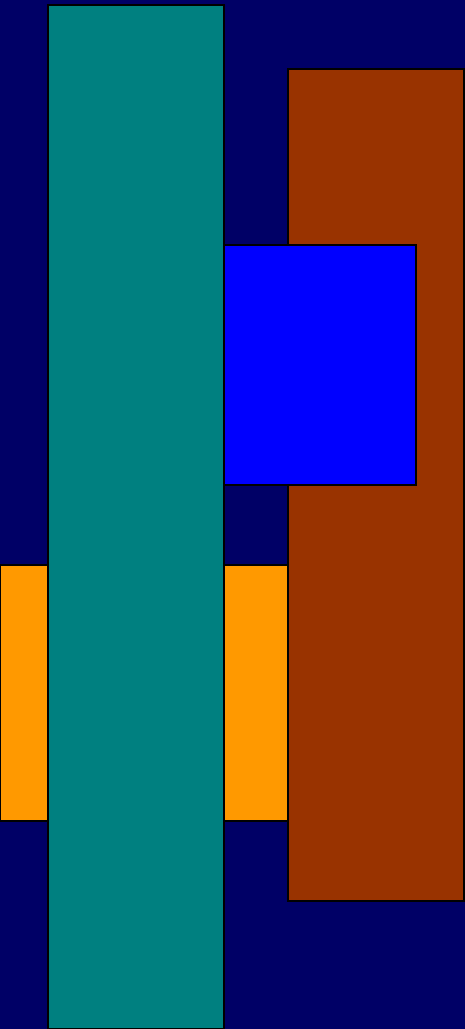




## Use of POA in agency reports..

- Six use for public reporting
  - Public reporting for QI
  - Risk adjusting modeling
  - AHRQ Quality Indicators

For hospital performance (not public- report back to hospitals)

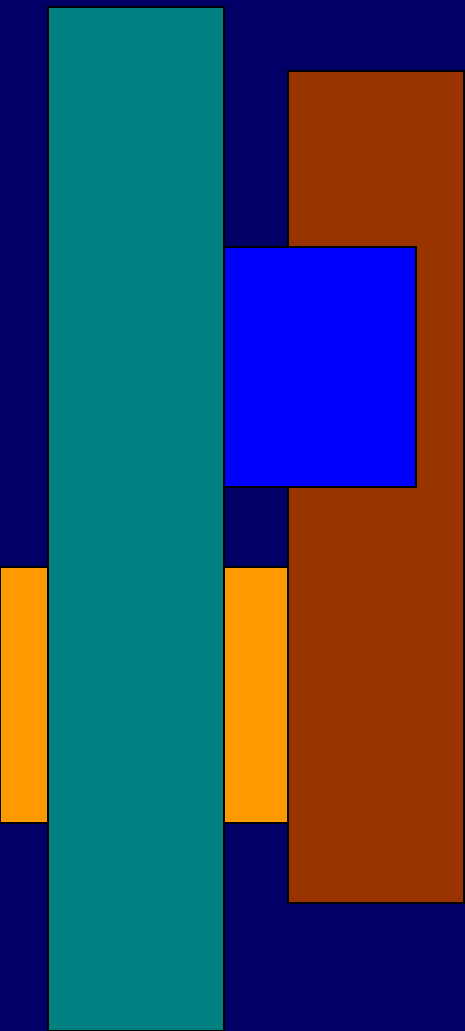




## Validity- edit checks.....

From the 21 collecting- 14 validate POA

- Range from provider feedback to planned audits
- Mostly
  - POA frequency distributed by dx codes
  - Missing invalid POA fields





## Divergence in Practice.....

- Some states are not releasing due to validity concerns
- Other states don't validate and are releasing

