

Maine APCD's Master Patient Index

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Background/Vision

Vision: MHDO Health Data Warehouse included the creation of Three Master Indexes:

1. Payer
2. Provider
- 3. Patient**

These indexes would be used across claim, hospital, and other data streams to provide “consistent, accurate and historical demographic data” on patients, providers, and payers.

Master Patient Index

Intended to provide a consistent, historical, and current demographic data on the patients reported across the claims, inpatient/outpatient, and other data streams.”

Each patient in the index would receive a single unique identifier across all the streams.

Challenges

1. Lack of Identifiers
2. Different Identifiers Used Across of File Types and Plans

Solutions

1. **Additional Field-Level Validations:** to ensure required information is provided on each claim.
2. **Update to Rule Chapter 243:** individual payers to ensure that the same identifier is used between all claims and eligibility files for a given individual.