



CAQH Provider Data Initiatives Update for NCF

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Through collaboration and innovation, CAQH accelerates the transformation of business processes, delivering value to providers, patients and health plans.

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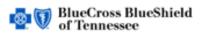
























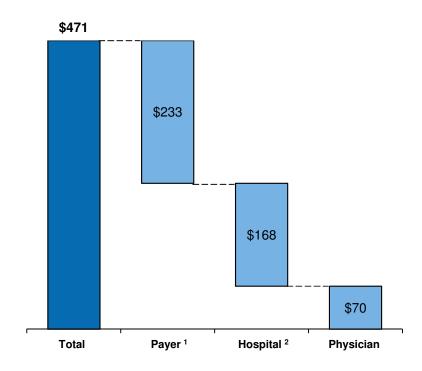


U.S. Healthcare Administrative Costs Are \$471B / Year and rising.

- U.S. healthcare administrative spending was \$471B in 2012 (10% of total healthcare spending) split evenly between providers and payers.
- While the Healthcare Industry continues to look at clinical costs, providers and payers are intensifying efforts at administrative cost reduction.
- As organizations improve their internal efficiency, the Industry is primed to tackle structural costs that are best addressed collaboratively rather than on an individual basis
- 1 Payer costs include both public and private payers
- 2 Hospital costs include services in other settings & supplies.

US Payer and Provider Administrative Costs

By Stakeholder (\$ Billions, 2012)



Source: BMC Health Services Research, Kahn, J.G. et al (2014)



Additional market pressures contributing to the need to improve provider data collection, maintenance and distribution.

Market Forces

MLR Pressures and Rate Monitoring

- Healthcare reform creates significant pressure on payers to manage cost due to:
- -MLR minimums.
- -Close monitoring of premiums.

Emerging Care Delivery and Payment Models

- Growth of payer-provider collaboration efforts in care delivery, such as ACOs and Patient-centered Medical Homes.
- Experimentation with new payment models, such as global and bundled payments.

Provider HIE and HIT Adoption

- Incentives to encourage provider adoption of HIEs and EMRs.
- Need to enhance connectivity and information sharing amongst healthcare stakeholders to enable new payer-provider collaboration efforts around care delivery.

Health Insurance Exchanges and Growth in B2C

- Shift of uninsured, individual, and small group segments towards health insurance exchanges.
- Greater competition (e.g., transparency, similar benefit packages) on the exchange market – on the basis of value, instead of price.

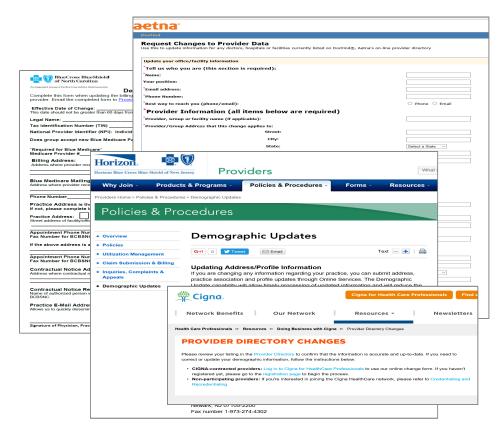
Imperatives

- Simplify healthcare administration to minimize administrative cost, reduce transaction delays, allow more seamless information sharing, and improve member/patient and provider experience:
- Eliminate redundancy in transactions across healthcare system.
- Standardize protocols to reduce exceptions and therefore delays.
- Enhance interoperability in electronic information exchange.
- Consolidate data sources.
- Eliminate error-ridden paperwork through automation.
- Reduce information technology spending through industry-wide "utilities".
- Simplify healthcare administration to enable new care and payment delivery models.
- Commoditize functions that are not sources of competitive advantage.



The lack of coordination across the industry is a primary reason for provider data quality and operational efficiency issues.

- Efforts to collect and maintain provider data today vary across health plans, causing provider confusion, noncompliance and abrasion.
- Furthermore, a lack of industry coordination prevents sharing of technology and labor resources among health plans.
- Lastly, changing provider organizational structures and contracting models are exacerbating the problem.
- The net effect is an industry where all parties struggle to maintain accurate provider data cost-effectively, which, in turn, causes other challenges:
 - Increasing regulatory scrutiny.
 - Business process complexity for providers.
 - Poor member experience.
 - Constrained ability to innovate.





There are several reasons why the healthcare industry is reluctant to make improvements in the administrative areas.

Why Can't the Healthcare Industry Solve It's Problems?

Too much self-interest among the different stakeholders	59%	
Lack of incentive to innovate or deliver value	14%	
Still a cottage industry with no central core leadership	6%	
Industry will find a solution with more time	6%	
Industry has become too big to manage	5%	
Other	10%	
Source: HealthLeaders Media Survey 2012, Overall Cross-Sector Report, February 2012; www.healthleadersmedia.com/pdf/survey_project/2012/Overall_Cross-Sector_2	01 <u>2_f.pdf.</u>	



Provider Data Is at the Heart of Many Organizational Processes

Contract & Network Management Ensure accurate and complete provider data for contracting and network adequacy to support member population.



 Accurate data required to perform reporting and medical economics analysis as providers and payers engage in accountable care initiatives together.



 Bring quality practitioners into the network and ensure members are not placed at risk from a quality and safety standpoint.



 Incorrect data leads to significant manual processing and payment delays.



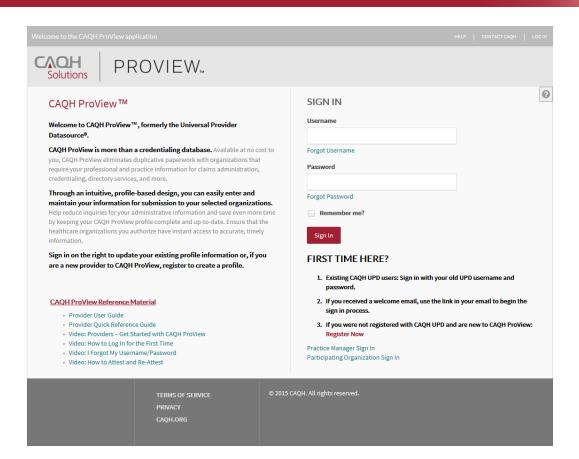
 Accurate and reliable data is critical in reporting which providers are aligned with which products, to support public / private exchanges and more narrowly defined products.

Provider Directories Incorrect provider information leads to consumer dissatisfaction and greater effort to resolve inquiries.



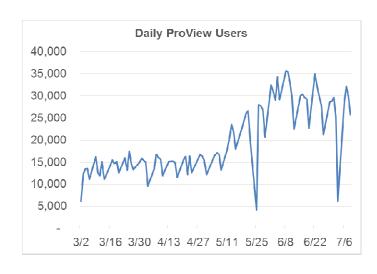
CAQH ProView by the Numbers

- 1.4 million unique provider users of all types, including non-physicians (~8,000 new providers register each month).
- Over 800 participating health plans, hospitals, provider groups, state Medicaid agencies and other organizations.
- Twelve states and the District of Columbia have adopted the CAQH Standard Provider Credentialing Application.
- Contains more than 600 data elements, including those required for provider directories.
- A new CAQH ProView redesigned platform launched in March 2015 to introduce new capabilities that can be used to solve a wider array of provider data challenges, including provider directory validation.





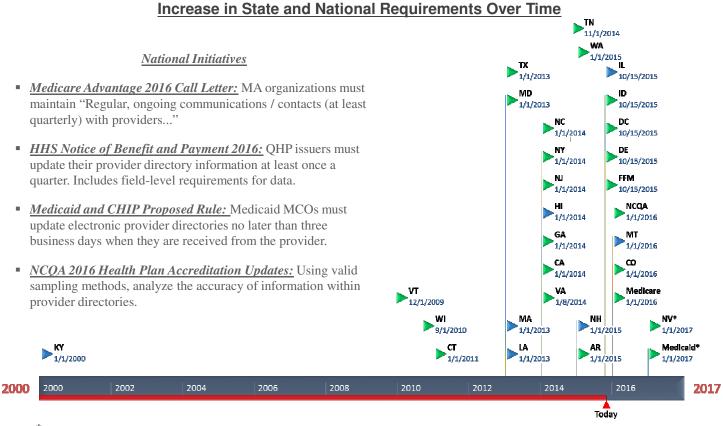
With the new platform, CAQH has broader insights into provider behavior and system usage

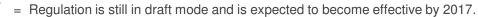


- A key foundational capability in the new ProView platform is the ability to monitor and analyze provider usage of the system.
- ProView currently supports 25k-30k provider users per day, reflecting significant provider engagement, with the specific focus on managing provider information.
- This level of engagement is critical to providing a sustainable industry-wide approach to provider data management that yields high-quality information for a variety of uses across the health plan enterprise and elsewhere.



CAQH has recently begun to address the multitude of provider directory requirements emerging across the country



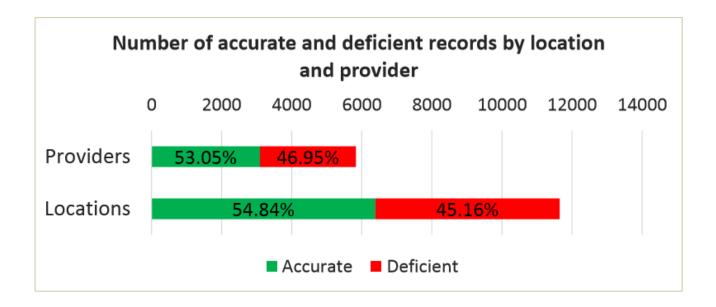


= Regulation contains requirements for data quality, validation, and/or audits.



CMS Online Provider Directory Review - Findings

- Provider Level of the 5,832 providers reviewed, 2,737 (46.93%) providers reviewed had at least one deficiency at one of their listed locations
- **Location Level** of the 11,646 provider locations reviewed, 5,257 (45.14%) locations had at least one final deficiency.





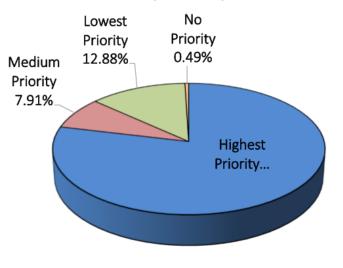
CMS Online Provider Directory Review - Findings

Location Level Deficiencies

- Of the 5,257 location level deficiencies over 75% of the findings fell in the highest priority

Priority	Deficiency Type	Number of Locations with Deficiency Type
Highest	Provider should not be listed in the directory at this location 3,606	
Highest	Provider should not be listed in the directory as treating patients for this specialty	
Highest	Phone number needs to be updated 521	
Medium	Address needs to be updated	416
Lowest	Address (suite number) needs to be updated	217
Lowest	Provider is NOT accepting new patients	314
Lowest	Provider IS accepting new patients	139
Lowest	Specialty needs to be updated	7
None	Provider name needs to be updated	26
	Total Number of Locations with Deficiencies	5,257

Deficiencies by Priority Level





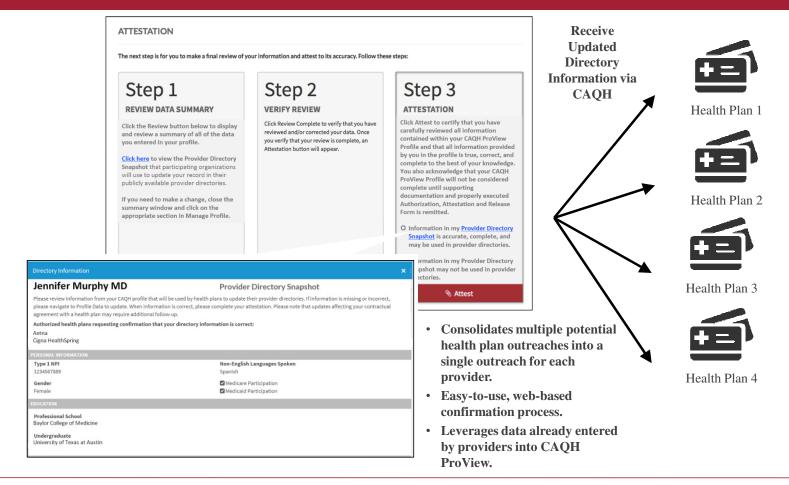
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Providers with multiple locations were deficient at a greater rate than those listed at only one location which suggests plans should focus on providers with the highest number of locations.

Number of Provider Locations	Providers	Percentage of Providers	Providers with at Least One Deficiency	Percentage of Providers with x Locations with at Least One Deficiency
1	3,322	56.96%	1,001	30.13%
2	1,287	22.07%	730	56.72%
3	515	8.83%	360	69.90%
4	259	4.44%	220	84.94%
5	155	2.66%	139	89.68%
6	121	2.07%	117	96.69%
7 or more	173	2.97%	170	98.27%
Total	5,832	100%	2,737	46.93%



CAQH has introduced a one-stop shop for providers to confirm directory data electronically to multiple health plans via ProView



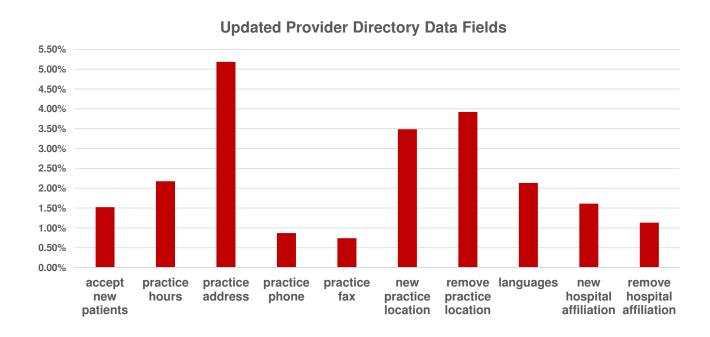


DirectAssure Already has Robust Provider Engagement

Dimension	Results as of December 2016		
	• 780k unique providers identified by participating health plans for inclusion in the program (via health plan "rosters").		
Rostered Providers	 This represents 947k health plan-provider relationships, with average health plan overlap increasing as new participating health plans submit rosters. 		
Duradday Outrooch	2.2M+ total e-mails have been sent to providers.		
Provider Outreach	493k+ phone calls have been made to providers.		
	477k+ of providers confirmed directory information since launch.		
Provider Response	 72% of providers reviewed and confirmed their information within 90 days of being identified by health plans via the roster process. 		
	 90% of providers login and review their information within 2 weeks when CAQH e-mails about potential data issues. 		
	• 73% of responding providers said the directory confirmation user experience was "very easy to understand."		
Provider Survey Feedback	 58% of responding providers indicated that their reason for acting was "to keep directory information up to date for patients and prospective patients." 		
	 53% of responding providers indicated that their reason for acting was because "CAQH requested me to do it, so I felt obligated to do it." 		
Industry Outresch	Receptiveness from CMS to learn about the initiative and its progress.		
Industry Outreach	Strong support from MGMA, and recognition from NCQA.		
Health Plan Adoption	Over 25 health plans have adopted DirectAssure for provider directory updates.		



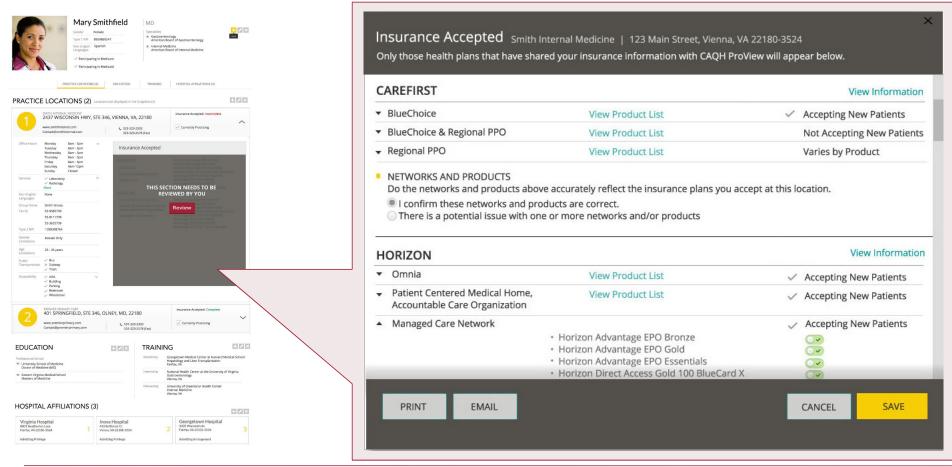
Health plan feedback indicates that the rate of provider-submitted changes are consistent with industry expectations



- 46% of providers who confirmed their data updated their practice information.
- Most frequent updates were practice addresses and locations.
- When "Accept New Patients" was updated, 46% of responses changed from "No" to "Yes," and 54% changed from "Yes" to "No."



A major enhancement is underway is to present greater levels of detail for network participation data to providers





CAQH is extending the ProView platform to streamline the second step of the credentialing process

Typical 3-Step Credentialing Process Application Primary Source Decision Gathering Verification Gather self-reported, Verification of specific Decision by the entity attested provider (health plan, hospital etc.) subset of credentials information at a single against primary sources. to pursue / continue the location on behalf of relationship. multiple participating organizations. **CAQH ProView PSV Solution**



VeriFide, the CAQH industry-wide CVO will provide efficiencies for health plans and providers

- The CAQH credentials verification organization (CVO) will address industry PSV inefficiencies in the following ways:
 - <u>Centralization:</u> Redundant credentialing functions located within different health plans will be consolidated into a single industry function to achieve the economies of scale.
 - <u>Standardization</u>: Standardization of processes across health plans will drive improvement in data quality, reduce file turn-around times and reduce overall costs.
 - Alignment: Align re-credentialing cycles across health plans over time onto a single, common anchor date for each provider to optimize labor and primary source data costs associated with a credentialing event.
 - **Automation:** Pool technology and continuous improvement investments to reduce turnaround time and labor.
- In addition to providing efficiencies to health plans, the CAQH PSV solution will enable faster turnaround times and make the credentialing process more seamless / less visible to providers.
- Furthermore, it will also avoid future costs because credentialing requirements are becoming more complex and the number of primary sources that must be purchased is increasing (e.g., allieds, background checks, etc.).

