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Dear Legislator,

In a very real sense, the APCD data base is a "medical record," and thus patients must be empowered to decide who sees their insurance claims data. Is it really Constitutional for the State of CT to take control of such personal information without a search warrant? Is this not government overreach to decide what is "reasonable cause" for the whole population? Patients have contracted with their insurance companies to see their data for payment. Has not the State of CT overridden that contract to force the insurance companies to send patient medical information to other companies and to the State for its use?

I urge you to modify the Policies and Procedures of the APCD for the following reasons:

1. As written, there may be "confidentiality" between patient and provider, but no guarantees of "privacy" can be given due to the increased risk of leaks. Few CT residents know that the APCD may sell their medical data, without their consent: Increasing the risk of compromise to both their medical data and their personal identifiers.

Additionally, we are all aware that Federal agencies can bypass encryptions and that even the Defense Dept. computers have been hacked. So how can the APCD be kept safe over the many years of its existence. What can prevent such complete personal data from being used to discriminate against patients in employment or even in their medical care? Will smokers will be penalized, for example?

The lack of control is at the center of what is wrong as the matter stands.

2. Treatment and payment data can most effectively and economically be collected from insurance companies, hospitals, providers, Medicare and Medicaid without identifiers. The APCD is being promoted to lower medical care costs. But as written, most patients, particularly those on Medicaid, will have to trade their privacy for their medical care, while others are left the option to pay out of pocket for privacy. Leaving no one "better served".

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