

THE LONG-TERM CARE DATA COOPERATIVE

Over 1,000 nursing home providers nationwide have enrolled in the Long-Term Care Data Cooperative.

Together with leading electronic medical records (EMR) companies, American HealthTech, MatrixCare and PointClickCare, the provider-led Cooperative is innovating the way nursing home resident health records are collected and used to improve treatment outcomes and be better prepared for public health events in the future.



The specialized database, developed by the American Health Care Association (AHCA) in partnership with Brown University, and data science firm Exponent, Inc., will allow for the rapid collection of EMR data and calculation of quality measures from diverse resident populations with national benchmarks that are not available elsewhere.

Funded by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), and governed by AHCA, the Cooperative is free for nursing home providers to join! AHCA encourages providers to take advantage of this benefit.

WHY JOIN?

The COVID-19 pandemic shined a spotlight on the data gap in nursing homes for rapid calculation of reports to assist with resident care and understand what works and what does not. To address this need, the NIA has funded the creation of the LTC Data Cooperative, a collaboration among providers and stakeholders in academia, government, and the private sector.

As a member of the Cooperative, nursing home providers gain immediate and invaluable information to help drive improved clinical care and operations and evaluate the effectiveness that different treatments and practices have on resident outcomes.

Members who join have access to reports that capture:

- Residents who are at risk for adverse events such as hospitalization, falls, or pressure ulcers.
- Medication use to help better address residents' needs.
- Resident outcomes by insurance plan to help with managed care discussions.
- Faster access to quality measures used in the Medicare Value-Based Payment and Quality Reporting programs by linking data with CMS claims.

Eventually, the Cooperative will support public health surveillance and allow researchers to generate real-world evidence on the effectiveness of different treatments and care practices such as looking at how do antiviral treatments for COVID or Influenza work among the resident population.

HOW MUCH DOES THIS COST?

The Cooperative is *free* for all nursing homes to join through funding from NIA!

WHAT WILL BE COLLECTED?

This varies slightly by EMR vendor, but over time the goal is to gather all the clinical information in the EMR. It also will be linked monthly with Medicare claims data from CMS and potentially with other clinical providers providing services to your residents (e.g., laboratory, therapy, hospice, etc.).

WHO DECIDES HOW MY DATA WILL BE USED?

An advisory committee comprised principally of AHCA Board members and committee members oversee the effort. Data reports are guided by a user's group of enrolled organizations. All research applications are initially reviewed by AHCA staff to assure they are consistent with the mission – to evaluate the effectiveness of treatments or care practices. A summary of the proposal is then shared with all enrolled organizations for comment. A research panel comprised principally of providers review all proposals and comments and decide on acceptability. Only proposals that also have all the appropriate IRB and government approvals for confidentiality and use are eligible to analyze the data.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Joining is easy for nursing homes.

1. Email LTCDataCooperative@ahca.org to receive the participation agreement, which includes a Business Associate Agreement and an authorization form to allow your EMR vendor to transfer data to the Cooperative.
2. Once registration is completed, AHCA will contact your vendor on your behalf to begin the data transfer process.

QUESTIONS?

Email LTCDataCooperative@AHCA.org with any questions or need assistance with figuring out if this is right for you. Be sure to also [frequently asked questions](#) (FAQs).

LEARN MORE AND JOIN TODAY!

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