REQUESTING CMS IDENTIFIABLE DATA

Process and Timeline

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MISSION STATEMENT

To increase the number of researchers skilled in accessing and using the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) data for studies which will improve the Medicare and Medicaid programs
Using a Spanish Surname Match to Improve Identification of Hispanic Women in Medicare Administrative Data

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Objective. To assess the effectiveness of a Spanish surname match for improving the identification of Hispanic women in Medicare administrative data in which Hispanics are historically underrepresented.

Data Sources. We collected self-identified race/ethnicity data (N = 2,997) from a mailed survey sent to elderly Medicare beneficiaries who resided in 11 geographic areas consisting of eight metropolitan counties and three nonmetropolitan areas (171 counties) in the fall of 2004. The 1990 Census Spanish Surname list was used to identify...
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RESDAC SERVICES

GETTING STARTED
- Strengths and weaknesses of CMS data
- Data file availability
- Population included

REQUESTING DATA
- Questions about request process
- Cost estimates for CMS data
- Formal applications for CMS identifiable data

USING DATA
- In-person training
- Variable and code definitions
- Programs and policies that affect data contents

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ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED

CMS
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

ResDAC
RESEARCH DATA ASSISTANCE CENTER

DATA PRIVACY SAFEGUARD PROGRAM (DPSP)

CHRONIC CONDITIONS DATA WAREHOUSE (CCW)
CMS RESEARCH IDENTIFIABLE REQUEST PROCESS & TIMELINE

The flowchart illustrates the steps in the process to request CMS identifiable data and the involvement of each organization in the process.

1. Submit draft request packet to ResDAC
   - ResDAC forwards data management plan to DPSP for review
     - Up to 3 weeks, concurrent

2. ResDAC team reviews packet

3. Complete edits and return final signed documents to ResDAC
   - ResDAC obtains cost invoice from CCW
     - 1-2 weeks, concurrent

4. ResDAC submits final packet to CMS Privacy Board

5. CMS emails Privacy Board decision

6. Submit payment for data and notify CMS

7. CMS sends request to CCW to process data

- Steps to be completed by researcher
Steps in the Process:

**STEP 1**
Drafts to ResDAC

**STEP 2-4**
Revisions & Finals

**STEP 5**
CMS Privacy Board Review

**STEP 6**
Make Payment

**STEP 7**
Prepare Data

**STEP 8**
Begin Project

*Estimate 4-5 months for entire process*
Steps in the Process

1. DRAFTS TO RESDAC

- CMS data are needed
- Secured funding for project
- IRB documentation
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STEPS IN THE PROCESS

2. RESDAC REVIEW

- ResDAC Team reviews
- ResDAC forwards Data Mgmt Plan to DPSP
- ResDAC obtains cost invoice from CCW
- Estimated time: 4-6 weeks
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STEPS IN THE PROCESS

3 RETURN FINAL, SIGNED MATERIALS

- Researcher makes edits
- Researcher obtains signatures
- Estimated time: varies
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STEPS IN THE PROCESS

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RESDAC SUBMITS FINAL MATERIALS

- ResDAC forwards request to CMS
- Estimated time: 1-2 business days
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STEPS IN THE PROCESS

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CMS PRIVACY BOARD REVIEW

- CMS Privacy Board Review
- CMS notifies researcher
- Estimated time: 6-8 weeks
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6 RESEARCHER MAKES PAYMENT

- Researcher makes payment
- Researcher notifies CMS
- Estimated time: 1-2 weeks
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STEPS IN THE PROCESS

7. CCW Prepares Data

- CMS forwards request to CCW
- CCW prepares data
- Estimated time: 4-6 weeks
Steps in the Process

1. Researcher begins project

- Researcher receives data
- Begin project!
QUESTIONS?