



Help Cure Your Chart Pull Pains

Data acquisition and chart pull are vital to the science of risk adjustment. They ensure that Medicare Advantage organizations are reimbursed fairly and accurately, based on the relative health of their at-risk patient pools. Key to the success of this arrangement is data— accurate, comprehensive data which allows payers to report patient encounters thoroughly. Getting this data has traditionally disrupted physician offices, but that no longer has to be true. Wellcare and Apixio are teaming up to offer direct chart acquisition via the EHR. The new extraction process requires minimal time and energy, and most importantly, you'll only have to do it once.

A Win-Win: Patient Data and Easy Chart Pull for Providers

Apixio is a healthcare data science company. It analyzes the free-text data in medical records to glean insights on patient conditions.

Apixio will use your patient charts to create a complete portrait of each patient's healthcare history and enable more accurate risk adjustment.

We will extract the charts from your EHR securely and quickly. This process will cost minimal time and energy— up to ten hours of IT time in most cases— and most importantly, it will only happen once.

The High Cost of Low-tech

Many payers still use low-tech solutions to obtain patient data, such as scanning paper charts. But physical document scanning is extremely disruptive to your operation— especially in situations where you have multiple insurance plans, often with multiple departments, all demanding charts.

Low-tech chart chase is not just a big distraction, it is a frequent one. Charts must be secured and scanned on a regular basis, to keep records up-to-date.

“In God we trust, all others bring data.”

W. Edwards Deming, the father of modern quality management

Plus, each scanned PDF contains 18+ months of low-resolution, typically unstructured data with little or no selectable text. This makes it very difficult to identify discrete patient encounters and develop an accurate patient profile.

TRADITIONAL DATA ACQUISITION



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APIXIO DATA ACQUISITION



Tapping Directly Into the Source

Fortunately, there's a better way.

Apixio writes a set of “queries” or highly technical instructions that the EHR system can understand. The queries can be run by our data techs, by your own IT team, or even as a fully automated solution. Once the queries are set up, extracting the data is easy. You can run your queries whenever you want, or even after hours, to minimize disruption to patient care. The one thing we ask from you is for you or your data team to help us match the queries to your particular situation.

By directly accessing your EHR, we make sure we have the purest, most complete data set possible— including all the relevant metadata. By pulling data directly from the EHR, we can separate patient records into discrete encounter notes and then filter by note type.

This is important because face-to-face visits need to be treated differently than other visit types, such as home health or telemedicine.

You won't have to dedicate time to the the chart pull process once a week, or even once a month: you'll only have to do it once.

We've Seen It All Before

Apixio has deep experience with all the major EHRs— Epic, Cerner, Allscripts, GE Centricity, NextGen, and more. We understand how these EHRs work, and we know where to look for the relevant data.

Apixio offers native support for the CMS RAPS Return File Format. This ensures that only “net new” coding opportunities are considered and that any codes previously rejected by CMS get priority attention.

About Apixio

Apixio helps healthcare providers and payers use 100% of medical record data to improve their operations and care delivery. Apixio's Iris platform mines data from medical records and then transforms it into usable insights. These insights power HCC Profiler, a solution which enables accurate and timely risk adjustment. Through HCC Profiler and other solutions, Apixio is helping transform healthcare delivery from an art to a science.

