Health Care Cost Institute (HCCI)

At a Glance

- Status: Active Consortium
- Year Launched: 2011
- Initiating Organization: HCCI
- Initiator Type: Nonprofit foundation
- Location: North America

Abstract

The Health Care Cost Institute (HCCI) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization with a public-interest mission. Its overarching goal is to provide complete, accurate, unbiased information about healthcare utilization and costs to better understand the U.S. healthcare system. Through research and access to a large health insurance claims database, HCCI seeks to offer answers to critical questions about healthcare spending and utilization for the entire privately insured health population.

Mission

To achieve that goal, HCCI seeks to:

Consortium History

February 2015: Guroo launched
March 2015: MCCI and National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) fund five research projects to analyze health reform initiatives and policy trends.
Structure & Governance

The Governing Board will ensure that HCCI meets its goal of providing data that can contribute to policies that reduce healthcare costs, improve healthcare quality, increase access to care, and create a sustainable healthcare system. HCCI Board members include distinguished experts from the academic, actuarial, and medical communities.

The Scientific Review Committee is responsible for the development of research standards to govern access to the data, including the review and assessment of all HCCI and external research proposals and related matters.

The Data Integrity Committee ensures the security, integrity, appropriate aggregation and usage, and confidentiality of the HCCI database. It also ensures that the database’s use is consistent with antitrust laws.

Data Sharing

As the primary sources of data and funding, health payers share the right to oversee data security efforts and offer input on how data may be shared. Health plans retain ownership of their own data. HCCI expects the commercial data to be updated semi-annually, consistent with the timing of the published cost tracker reports. Data contributed to HCCI meets the same stringent Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements that govern the use of personal medical information in all other aspects of the healthcare system.

Together with the Scientific Review Committee, the Data Integrity Committee ensures that all projects and research are conducted and used by government, nonprofit, and academic researchers and not for commercial or competitive reasons, or for the direct or indirect benefit of commercial organizations.

Guroo is a consumer-focused website that provides national, state, and local cost and quality information for common health conditions and services. The website is free and accessible to everyone, regardless of whether they have insurance or who their insurer is. The cost estimates on guroo.com are developed using data of approximately 40 million Americans. The website will be enhanced with more features and content as time goes on. Guroo was created by the Health Care
Health Care Cost Institute (HCCI), with the goal of giving consumers information on the costs and quality of healthcare so they can make more informed choices about how they spend their healthcare dollars.

HCCI has many publications and research on its research projects, healthcare cost and utilization, issue briefs, and fact sheets available on its website.

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