ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE

Policy Issue Summary

The All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) was formed in 2010 with the passage of HB10-1330 and was directed to be funded with gifts, grants, and donations. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) requested $2.8 million in total state funds for FY2018-2109 to support APCD operations and backfill the private grants that are expiring. However, HCPF and Legislative Legal Services differ whether this request conflicts with statutory guidance that prohibits the use of General Fund for a program previously financed solely with gifts, grants, and donations. The continuing funding may be a budgetary issue addressed in the Long Bill or a legislative issue addressed with a separate bill.

Reason for Involvement by the Health District of Northern Larimer County

The Health District has a strong interest in the continued operation of the APCD as it is the state’s most comprehensive source of health insurance claims data of privately and publicly covered Coloradans. Data from the APCD gives the health community and policymakers insights about health care costs, quality, utilization, and other data. Through this increased data transparency, the information informs the public about spending and ways to improve care.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board of Directors support the funding of the All-Payer Claims Database through either the budgetary or legislative process.