

# MAKING INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT YOUR HEALTH CARE OPTIONS

*Georgia's All Payer Claims Database*

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## WHAT IS THE ALL PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE (APCD)?

This database gathers information from both private payers (such as commercial or employer sponsored health insurance plans) and public payers (such as Medicare, Medicaid, state employee benefit plans).



## HOW DOES AN APCD HELP GEORGIANS?

Georgia's APCD will be used to help policymakers, stakeholders, and advocates develop a better understanding of health care costs, use of services, population health trends, and disparities.

## HOW CAN AN APCD HELP YOU MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS?

Consumers considering elective procedures or diagnostic tests can gain access to information about protocols, what to expect, or even the health outcomes or benefits of a proposed health care service. APCDs also provide transparent pricing data.



## WHAT HAS AN APCD ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED?

Virginia's APCD was able to identify that roughly 14% of emergency department visits could have been treated at a lower cost in a primary care provider's office. This would've led to \$100.5 million in savings to both providers and patients.

For more information about Georgia's All Payer Claims Database visit [georgiawatch.org/protect-yourself/healthcare](https://georgiawatch.org/protect-yourself/healthcare)



GEORGIANS FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE

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([GHF 2020](#)).

## Success in Virginia

An All-Payer Claims Database in Virginia was able to identify that roughly **14%** of emergency department visits could have been treated at a lower cost in a primary care provider's office

**\$100.5 million** could have been saved by both health care consumers and providers if these ED visits were treated in a PCP office instead

([Georgia.gov 2019](#)).

**APCDs can help consumers make informed decisions about their health and health care options**



### PROMOTE COST TRANSPARENCY

APCDs provide pricing data on private and public insurance companies



### LEARN ABOUT PATIENT CARE ACROSS CARE SITES

Access data about the care of diverse populations of patients at visits across multiple care sites such as hospitals, clinics, or emergency departments



### IMPROVE HEALTH CARE QUALITY

Learn about the quality of health care and increase the coordination of care across health care providers



### INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES

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