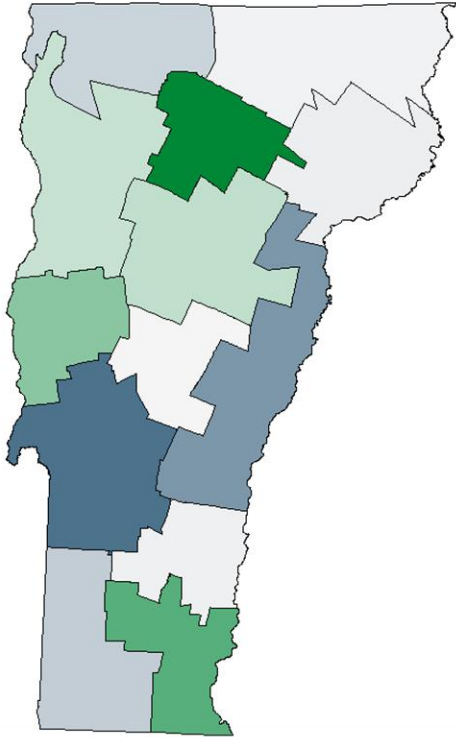


GMCB's Data Governance and Stewardship Program

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Data Governance Concerns

The GMCB is the steward of VHCURES and several other data resources. In this role, the GMCB is responsible for a broad set of data management concerns. While not intended as an all-encompassing inventory, these concerns can generally be attributed to four categories

Risk Management

Implementing and enforcing the most appropriate data privacy and security standards and practices.

Data Quality

Establishing data stewardship to promote the highest possible quality of GMCB's data resources.

Program Sustainability

Evaluating opportunities to optimize sustainability and revenue for GMCB's data stewardship program.

Data Release

Supporting clear processes for the evaluation of data requests and the release of data to Vermont State Agencies and Instrumentalities, and to non-State entities.

Data Governance Council

Currently composed of seven voting members who are data contributors, data users, technical experts, or policy leaders:

- 2 GMCB Staff
- 1 GMCB Board member
- 2 State agency representatives
- 2 non-state entity representatives

Meets approximately every other month in an open, public meeting.

Meetings are announced on the Board's calendar of events and meeting information for the Data Governance Council is publicly available.

DGC Resources

Two resources that support the GMCB's Data Governance Council:

- [GMCB Data Governance and Stewardship Charter](#)
(version 1.4.3 adopted March 2018)
- [GMCB Data Stewardship Principles and Policies](#)
(version 2.0 adopted April 2019)

Plus much more on the GMCB website:

<https://gmcboard.vermont.gov/data-and-analytics/data-governance>

Current Issues for the DGC

- VHCURES Rule H-2008-01 update
- Policy Guidance
 - Data linkage concerns and opportunities
 - Structures for allowable data release based on intended use and pricing structures
- Health care data-related activities at state and federal levels
- Specific data release applications and data linkage requests

Current and Pending DUA Applications

Currently Active Data Use Agreements (DUAs)

- University of Vermont College of Medicine: Health Services Analysis Using VHCURES
- Vermont Department of Health: Public Health Analyses of Medical Claims Database
- RTI International: Treatment and Outcomes for Patients with Opioid Use Disorder After Cessation of Opioid Prescriptions
- Department of Vermont Health Access: Analysis and Evaluation of Programs, Procedures, Benefits, and Payment Structures
- Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living: All Health Care Payer of Health Care Services Analyses
- Vermont Department of Health Environmental Public Health Division: Potential Associations between Exposure to Fine Particulate Matter and Emergency Department Visits in Vermont (VUHDDS Data Set)
- University of Vermont Medical Center, Trauma and Acute Care Surgery Department (VUHDDS Data Set)
- NORC: Evaluation of the Vermont All-Payer ACO Model
- Office of the Vermont State Auditor: Examining the Impacts of Health Care Reform on Health Care Expenditures

Applications for Data Use Agreements (DUAs) Pending Approval

- Archway Health Advisors, LLC: Identifying Best Performing Providers for Developing an Episode Payment Market in Vermont