

## Data Bank Introduces Address Validation



The Data Bank is always working to make the query and self-query processes better. Soon, we will be adding a new [address validation](#) feature that will help you type in a correct street name, city, state, and ZIP code. The enhancement features a drop-down list with suggestions when you begin typing an address, and will look similar to Google Maps or many retail websites you may be familiar with. Address validation will ensure that only [geographically accurate](#) street addresses are saved in the Data Bank, and reduce the volume of outgoing mail returned to us due to incomplete or invalid addresses.

## The Data Bank Merger: One Year Later

May 6, 2014, marked the first anniversary of the successful merger of the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) into the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB). The merger eliminated duplicative data reporting and streamlined operations.

Organizations have benefitted from the merger in several ways:

1. A **cost savings** for organizations (primarily health plans and government agencies) that queried both the NPDB and the HIPDB; these organizations now pay only one fee while receiving the same information.
2. Hospitals, other health care entities, professional societies, and quality improvement organizations now have **access to additional reports, including Federal health care-related criminal convictions and other adjudicated actions**, that are reported by Federal agencies and health plans. Each organization automatically receives the appropriate reports based on the organization's registration authority.



While the Data Bank kept the merger virtually seamless for Data Bank reporters and quierers, it required a great deal of behind-the-scenes technical and policy work to reclassify the reports and entity profiles that resided in the HIPDB.

Data Bank News will continue to keep readers apprised of upcoming enhancements that, like the merger, will improve the overall experience of Data Bank users.

### Data Bank *Fast Facts*

**Do I have to submit a reportable event if the practitioner is now deceased?**

**Answer: Yes. The fact that a practitioner is deceased does not change any obligation to report actions to the Data Bank. Another individual could fraudulently assume the identity of a deceased practitioner. On the report, you should indicate that the practitioner is deceased.**

## Explore the Latest Compliance Data Updates



If you have not visited the [Compliance](#) page recently, we encourage you to view the latest [compliance statuses](#), which continue to be updated as a result of the Division of Practitioner Data Bank (DPDB) Compliance Branch's outreach and data analysis efforts.

These efforts ensure entities understand their querying and reporting requirements and assist the entities in meeting those requirements. The overarching goal of the ongoing compliance efforts is to ensure that the Data Bank contains the most accurate and complete report information possible for queriers.

The Compliance Branch reconciles publicly available data with what is actually reported to the Data Bank and enforces correct reporting by working directly with State licensing and certification authorities and other health care entities. To classify how close entities are to fulfilling their reporting responsibilities, the Compliance Branch assigns each entity a status based on its research. The latest statuses are published on a rolling basis and are available on the Compliance page, including an interactive [U.S. map tool](#) showing compliance statuses by State and a listing of compliance by [profession](#).

## Data Bank Receives Outstanding Group Performance Award for Merger Success



In November 2013, DPDB was awarded the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Administrator's Citation for Outstanding Group Performance for the planning and execution of the May 2013 merger of the NPDB with the HIPDB.

The seamless integration of the two systems required the Data Bank to re-classify more than half a million reports, update thousands of entity profiles, and modify much of the Data Bank website's content – all without disrupting the normal user experience.

The award recognizes and honors outstanding contributions to HRSA that substantially impact HRSA's mission and serve as a model of excellence. The Data Bank team was specifically lauded "for successfully combining two large health care databases into one, melding policies and underlying data, in furtherance of HRSA's strategic goals."

HRSA, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary Federal agency responsible for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated, or medically vulnerable. Comprising 6 bureaus and 10 offices, HRSA provides leadership and financial support to health care providers in every State and U.S. territory. The Data Bank operates within HRSA's Bureau of Health Professions.

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SUBJECT INFORMATION



- Subject Info
- Addresses
- SSN
- ITIN
- FEIN
- NPI
- DEA
- UPIN
- Prof Schools
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Home or Work Address

Help ?

**Organization**

Name:

Type:

Enter the address (home or work) to which you would like your response sent. The Data Bank is prohibited by law from sending a self-query response to a third party.

**Note:** If specifying a work address, be sure to include the employer name in the first line of the address.

**Address**

Street Address:

Address Line 2:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Country:

(if U.S., leave blank)

Telephone:  Ext.

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