

The Merger of the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank: What You Need to Know

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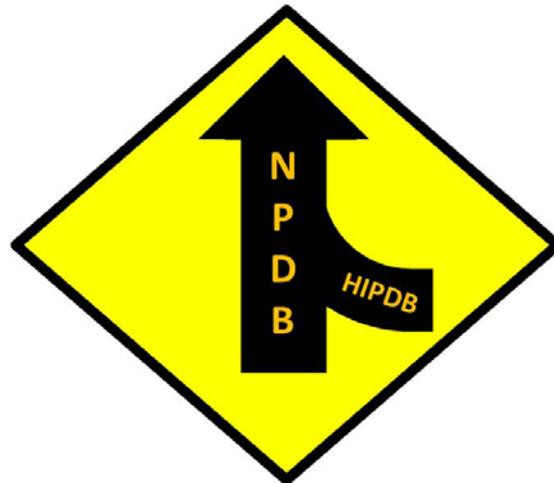
Why Are the Data Banks Merging?

- ▶ Section 6403 of the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA) authorized the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to cease the operation of the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) and to consolidate the operation of the HIPDB with the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB)
 - Signed into law on March 23, 2010
 - Final Rule published in the Federal Register on April 5, 2013
 - Final Rule Effective Date: May 6, 2013

Why Are the Data Banks Merging? (cont'd)

- ▶ Goal: Eliminate duplication between the NPDB and HIPDB
 - The 3 statutes-- Title IV of Public Law 99-660, Section 1921 of the *Social Security Act*, and Section 1128E of the *Social Security Act* --remain in effect
 - ONE Data Bank
 - ONE set of regulations governing the Data Bank's operations

MERGE AHEAD!



Data Bank Merger Highlights

- ▶ Reports that are currently stored in both the NPDB and HIPDB will remain, but will reside in the NPDB only
- ▶ There will be no need to re-register with the Data Bank; registration flagging systems will be automatically re-aligned
- ▶ The authority for certain reportable actions has changed, but no user action is required
- ▶ If you query both the NPDB and the HIPDB, after the merger you will only need to query the NPDB
- ▶ The current Data Bank website URL (<http://www.npdb-hipdb.hrsa.gov>) will be automatically redirected to an updated URL:

<http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov>

Changes to Statutory Authorities

- ▶ Title IV of Public Law 99-660, the *Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986*
 - No changes to Title IV
- ▶ Section 1921 of the *Social Security Act*, as amended by the *Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1980* has been amended to include the following reportable actions, which had been reportable under Section 1128E:
 - *Licensing or certification actions against providers and suppliers*
 - *Health care-related civil judgments in State court*
 - *Health care-related State criminal convictions*
 - *Exclusions from State health care programs*
 - *Other adjudicated actions or decisions*

Changes to Statutory Authorities (cont'd)

- ▶ Section 1128E of the *Social Security Act* as added by Section 221(A) of the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996* continues to cover the following reportable actions:
 - *Federal licensing/certification actions*
 - *Health care-related civil judgments in federal or state court*
 - *Health care-related federal or state criminal convictions*
 - *Exclusions from federal health care programs*
 - *Other adjudicated actions or decisions against practitioners, providers, suppliers*

Regulatory Modifications

- ▶ The regulations will now reflect the current practice of reporting clinical privileges actions and medical malpractice payments
 - Reporters of clinical privileges actions and medical malpractice payments submit their reports directly to the NPDB and provide a copy to the appropriate State licensing board either through electronic report forwarding or mail
- ▶ The regulations now require a consistent reporting timeframe. All reports must be submitted within 30 days of the date of action.
- ▶ The regulations now provide consistent immunity provisions for all reporters

Regulatory Modifications (cont'd)

- ▶ Definition section (60.3) has been modified.
 - Definitions from HIPDB have been incorporated into the NPDB
 - Inconsistent definitions were modified

Operational Considerations

- ▶ Some queriers may see an increase in reports because they may now have access to reports that previously were in HIPDB and are now accessible under Section 1921
- ▶ HIPDB Continuous Query enrollments will convert to NPDB enrollments
- ▶ HIPDB credits will be converted to NPDB credits
- ▶ Government Administrative Action (GAA) reports will use new adverse action classification codes, which are necessary to ensure that the reports are flagged correctly for Section 1921
 - Data Bank web users will use a new screen to select the appropriate codes as they report a GAA after the merger
 - Software developers using the Data Banks' automated information exchanges must be ready to use the new codes when the merger occurs

Data Bank Merger Q&A Sessions

- ▶ The Data Bank will host 3 live question and answer teleconference sessions to specifically address your merger questions (please note all times are Eastern Daylight Time)
 - Wednesday, 4/24/2013, 2:30PM – 4:00PM
 - Thursday, 4/25/2013, 1:00PM – 2:30PM
 - Tuesday, 4/30/2013, 10:30AM – 12:00PM
- ▶ For all sessions, the toll-free phone number is (888) 233-9409 and the participant passcode is 24446.

Data Bank Merger – Resources

- ▶ New website – <http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov>
- ▶ Resources available for you on the website include:
 - New regulations
 - Webinar explaining the merger
 - Frequently Asked Questions (updated as needed)
 - Data Bank merger fact sheet
 - Newsletter articles
- ▶ To submit questions about the merger to DPDB:
 - NPDBPolicy@hrsa.gov
- ▶ For Technical Assistance – Help Desk/Customer Service Center
 - 1-800-767-6732 (1-800-SOS-NPDB) or help@npdb-hipdb.hrsa.gov