

Data Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Q1: What is the BPCI Advanced Participant Portal? What’s the difference between a Data POC and POCs for the BPCI Advanced Participant Portal? Do they have the same type of access?

A1: The BPCI Advanced Participant Portal is an online platform that allows Participants to access and review organizational data, download templates, submit deliverables, verify Clinical Episode selection, and update POCs.

Data POCs and Participant Portal POCs are separate and distinct roles in the BPCI Advanced Model. There is no requirement that they be the same individuals, but they could be.

Data POCs are listed on the Participant Data Request and Attestation (DRA) form and granted access to the CMS Enterprise Portal in order to retrieve different types of files: preliminary Target Prices, baseline data, monthly claims data, and semi-annual Reconciliation results. The Data Portal is housed within the CMS Enterprise Portal and is distinct from the Participant Portal.

Q2: As a Participant, how do we maintain access to the BPCI Advanced Data Portal?

A2: Participants must have a Participant DRA form on file with CMS in order to maintain access to the BPCI Advanced Data Portal. The CMS Enterprise Portal is the platform via which CMS will deliver different types of data files to the BPCI Advanced Data Portal: preliminary Target Prices, baseline data, monthly claims data and semi-annual Reconciliation results.

Individuals listed as Data POCs in the Participant’s DRA have the ability to sign up for the CMS Enterprise Portal and the BPCI Advanced Data Portal. CMS may grant access after an account is created in the Enterprise Identity Management website and the individual successfully passes the identity proofing check. Once CMS has approved the two Data POCs, they will in turn have the ability to provide access to downstream users, known as standard users in the BPCI Advanced Data Portal, as long as they meet the definition of a “business associate” operating under a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Business Associate Agreement.

Per the BPCI Advanced Participant DRA:

“In order to receive this data, you must request the specific data you wish to receive (data elements and time periods) and identify both the population for which you wish to receive such data and the legal basis justifying your receipt of the data under the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

In doing so, you may use this form, provided that it captures your situation and that the assertions contained herein are true and accurate with respect to your specific request. These assertions are premised on a request for “protected health information” by a “covered entity” or “business associate,” as those terms are understood under the HIPAA Privacy Rule, to carry out one or more health care operations activities listed in paragraph (1) or (2) of the definition of “health care operations” in 42 C.F.R. § 164.501. These assertions are further premised on the covered entity or business associate being a BPCI Advanced Participant. Any data access approval obtained using this form will be revoked if at any time you cease to be a BPCI Advanced Participant and/or fail to comply with the attestations contained in this form.”

Q3: If a Data POC needs to be updated on the Participant DRA form, what do we do?

A3: If, at any time, a Data POC listed on a DRA needs to be updated, the Participant is responsible for terminating the old POC’s access to the Data Portal by notifying CMS. The

Participant must also complete an updated Participant DRA that identifies the replacement Data POC and submit the document in the Participant Portal.

In order to modify and submit an updated DRA, the Participant must navigate to the Legal Documents section of the Participant Portal and click on "Manage DRA" under the "DRA" menu. In this section there will be a drop-down menu. When the menu is expanded, there will be an option to download the DRA template and an option to upload the updated DRA.

Q4: Will CMS offer monthly claims data to Participants? If so, how will CMS provide the data?

A4: Yes, Participants have the opportunity to request monthly claims data during the actual Performance Period in raw and/or summary formats by completing a BPCI Advanced Participant DRA form. CMS will provide this data through the BPCI Advanced Data Portal via the CMS Enterprise Portal.

The most recent "Claims File Layout" document for monthly claims can be found in the BPCI Advanced Participant Portal, in the Document Library under Technical Resources. This file is updated as necessary by CMS.

Q5: Does Participant compliance status affect access to data?

A5: Yes, Participants not in compliance with the Model requirements per the Participation Agreement may lose access to the Data Portal, and/or monthly claims data may be withheld. Loss of access to the Data Portal and/or monthly claims data will be dependent on the stage of the remedial action process.