About the HCCI Data Enclave
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The HCCI Data Enclave (“Enclave”) is a tool that allows researchers to access HCCI’s very large, highly sensitive health care administrative claims data in a secure, virtual environment to conduct academic, non-commercial research. The Enclave is administered by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC), an independent affiliate of the University of Chicago. More can be learned about NORC and its data enclave services at www.norc.org.

What is the Enclave?
The Enclave is a protected research environment wherein researchers can access HCCI data, use statistical software, and collaborate with their team members. Employing security technologies used by the military and banking sectors, the Enclave has a Citrix infrastructure that turns researcher’s computers into “remote terminals.” The Enclave allows HCCI to maintain HIPAA-compliant security on its statistically de-identified data.

Who can use the Enclave?
HCCI-approved academic research teams will be able to access HCCI data and perform their research in the Enclave. Each research team will have customized space within the Enclave where the team will access the data and their work will be stored. Each project can have up to two (2) authorized users in the Enclave.

What data is available in the Enclave?
The Enclave currently holds claims data for the years 2008-2013 from three national carriers for more than 50 million individuals per year enrolled in commercial insurance or Medicare Advantage. Researchers may access the data in five-year increments (currently, 2008-2012 or 2009-2013). More can be learned about HCCI’s claims data by visiting www.healthcostinstitute.org/what-makes-hcci-data-unique.

What software is available in the Enclave?
Within the Enclave, each user receives secure online access to a variety of software programs and statistical tools. These can include SAS, STATA, R, SPSS, DBeaver, and MATLAB, as well as the Microsoft Office Suite. HCCI and NORC will also try to accommodate researchers who want to use other software, to the extent possible.

How can I find out more about the HCCI enclave?
Inquires about the Enclave can be directed to HCCI through our Contact page.

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