### **Doing More with Digital Clinical Data:** How Health Plans add value from Chart Retrieval by using Structured Data

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### What You Will Hear About Today

- Why are PDFs "still king" today
- How Automation, Big Data, and Al Fit In In the Future!
- The Benefits of Getting Data rather than PDFs Today!
- What is "Good" Data?



### Introduction



- Adam Sinensky Snr Director at Ciox, a Datavant Company
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### Why are PDFs "King"?

#### **Regulatory Rules**

Regulatory bodies have not comprehensively adopted a "structured data" standard that is permissible for auditing purposes (litigation, etc.).

#### It's Human Readable

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Today, Risk Adjustment, the primary driver for record retrieval, is performed by human coders – This would give you a headache to read!



# **Poll Question #1**

#### What is your experience with getting Charts not as PDFs?

- 1. My organization only uses PDFs and I have not heard of any thoughts to change
- 2. My organization currently only uses PDFs but we have thought about getting structured data
- 3. My organization receives structured clinical data for our membership from EMRs, but it is others who use it
- 4. My organization receives structured clinical data for our membership from EMRs and me or my team have used it.



# A potential Future for Risk Adjustment



- Automation is coming but
  - Responsible automation is a cohabitation of machines and human effort
- When Might it Come for Risk Adjustment
  - CMS Regulation changes
  - Natural Language Processing (NLP) for those pesky Unstructured Notes



# How NLP Get's Tripped Up – an Example

#### **Chart for Patient A**

"... confirmation that the patient does not have asthma..."

It is obvious to us that this patient **should not** have an asthma diagnosis

#### Chart for Patient B

"... there has been no change to the patient's asthma severity since last visit..."

It is obvious to us that this patient <u>should</u> have an asthma diagnosis

If computer is just looking for keywords – both of these contain the word Asthma. And both contain the word "no" or "not" – so a computer needs to understand the structure and sequence of the entire sentence like our brains are able to



### Normalization - Another Challenge (even with structured data)

- Different code-sets (ICD-10, ICD-9)
- Different units of measure (how many ways can A1c be documented?)
- That pesky unstructured data which of the many ICD-10s for asthma is right to 'use' for what was in the unstructured data?

#### FYI, this is not the full list...

- **J45**: Asthma
- J45.2: Mild intermittent asthma
- J45.20: Mild intermittent asthma, uncomplicated
- J45.21: Mild intermittent asthma, with (acute) exacerbation
- **J45.22**: Mild intermittent asthma, with status asthmaticus
- J45.3: Mild persistent asthma
- **J45.30**: Mild persistent asthma, uncomplicated
- J45.31: Mild persistent asthma, with (acute) exacerbation
- J45.32: Mild persistent asthma, with status asthmaticus
- J45.4: Moderate persistent asthma
- **J45.40**: Moderate persistent asthma, uncomplicated
- J45.41: Moderate persistent asthma, with (acute) exacerbation
- J45.42: Moderate persistent asthma, with status asthmaticus
- **J45.5**: Severe persistent asthma
- **[45.50**: Severe persistent asthma, uncomplicated

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2<sup>nd</sup> level review

Better Deploy your Coders

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Prospective Risk Adjustment

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**Clinical Document Improvement with Providers** 



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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> level reviews

Database of Coded by Coders 2LR / 3LR Code Identificaiton

Reconciliation

After 1LR completed, you will have a database of what was coded for each member – 1LR tends to be 95% 'accurate' Leverage NLP to identify all codes within a chart

Based on comparing codes found by coders and those by 2LR/3LR, perform adds/deletes





### Better Deploy your Coding Resources / Case Mgmt.





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#### Prospective Risk Adjustment

Whether you had it last year already or request it early in the plan year – get your hands on structured data for the year prior to the plan year

**Prior Year** 

**Structured Data** 

Identify Prospect HCCs

Identify HCCs documented in prior year Engage Provider / Member

Ability to ensure members see physician and physician documents diagnosis



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#### Clinical Document Improvement with Providers

Aggregate Data at Provider Level Identify Providers for Improvement Engage Provider / Monitor

Structured data will enable analytics at a provider level

Create a profile of each provider regarding their clinical documentation 'performance' Engage providers to help them improve their clinical documentation and continue monitoring



# **Poll Question #2**

Do you have an enterprise data strategy to share member data across teams (e.g. with Quality, Care Management, etc.)?

- 1. Yes, and I think it works well.
- 2. Yes, we do, but we don't have a good way to actually share the information
- 3. No, but we have been discussing it
- 4. No, and I haven't heard any discussions about it



### **Risk Adjustment -> Whole Member Care**

#### Risk Adjustment



#### Whole Member Care

Critical because it ensures we are properly funded to care for the complexity of our membership

Critical to retain membership in a Value Based Care world and to ensure that the RA funding is deployed to drive clinical and cost effective efforts



### Whole Member Care is driven by Data

- ✓ Risk Stratification
- ✓ Social Determinants of Health
- ✓ Chronic Care Programs
- ✓ Episodic Interventions (e.g. post-discharge)



### A Data Strategy is a Journey

PDF

Great for Risk Adjustment today, but little else

#### Raw Structured Data Can extract lots of key

data it will be messy (multiple EMRs, multiple code sets, etc.)

#### Harmonized Structured Data Consistency across all data maximizes value – enables longitudinal

patient understanding

Unstructured Data Mining Ability to extract, understand, and normalize unstructured data



### Takeaways

- Structured data can improve your Risk Adjustment projects immediately
- Now's the time to start thinking about future automation for Risk Adjustment
- Retrieve clinical data once, use many times across your organization (as PDF or structured data)
- Data Transformation is a journey that takes time no better time to start than today



# THANK YOU

