Rules based, data driven
Network Adequacy
Review and Regulation

9:30 am-10:30 am
October 20, 2016
Regulatory Health Link Division,
Arkansas Insurance Department

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Agenda

- **Introductions & housekeeping**

- **Data submission details**

- **Update details of "Initial PY2018 Provider Type NPI List"**

- **Next step in the process**

- **Other discussions**

Introductions

- If you are not on the original invitation list but need to be added for future events, please email Compliance Officer Jim.Gonzalez@arkansas.gov

- Conversely, if you need to be removed please email him accordingly.
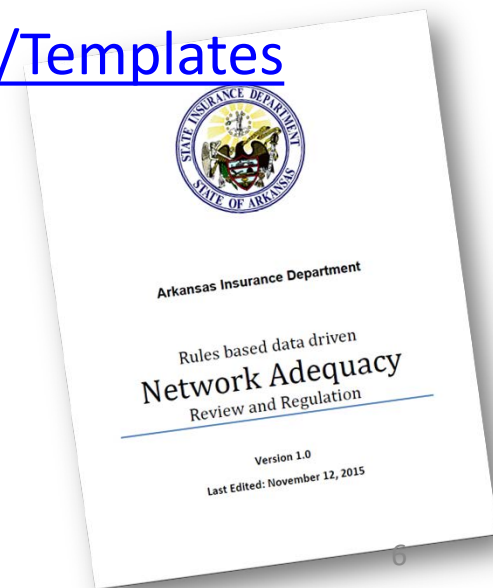
Industry Actors -1

- These meetings on Network Adequacy apply to all health and dental insurance carriers *covered under Rule 106*.

- These meetings do not apply to Dental Plans that are
  - *Not* in the Marketplace or *not* seeking certification.
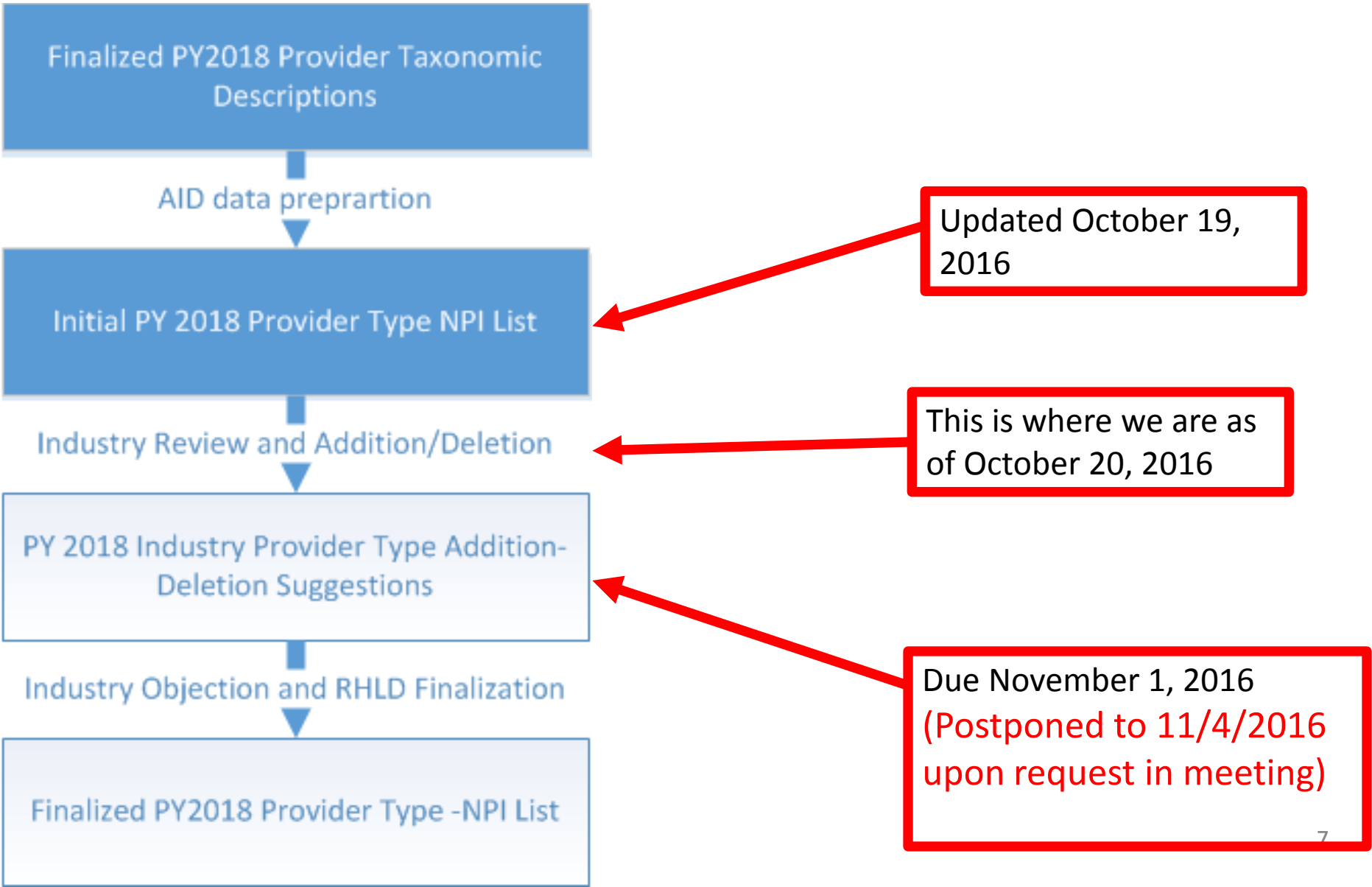
Industry Actors -2

- *Network Adequacy Industry Contact List* published on our website http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Default/NetworkAdequacy

- List will have the contacts known to AID and grouped by organizations using the same network that need to have an independent communication stream.

- AID will attempt to list the NA Subject Matter Experts as well as associated IT and Compliance personnel.

- The contact person for maintenance of this list is Jim.Gonzalez@arkansas.gov

New to Arkansas NA Regulation Program?

- Program details available at
  http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Default/NetworkAdequacy

  - A good document to start with is "Arkansas Network Adequacy Architecture"

  - Past meeting slides and notes are relevant and maintained in chronological order

- Data specifications & templates available at
  http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Info/Public/Templates

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Version 1.0
Last Edited: November 12, 2015

Where are we?

Finalized PY2018 Provider Taxonomic Descriptions

↓ AID data preprartion

Initial PY 2018 Provider Type NPI List

↓ Industry Review and Addition/Deletion

PY 2018 Industry Provider Type Addition-Deletion Suggestions

↓ Industry Objection and RHLD Finalization

Finalized PY2018 Provider Type -NPI List

Updated October 19, 2016

This is where we are as of October 20, 2016

Due November 1, 2016 (Postponed to 11/4/2016 upon request in meeting)

Reminder on why are we doing this

- **These Provider Type NPI lists is an input for the average distance calculation programs that generate the reports required for submission to AID.**

- **AID has observed justifications that come later in the process that "provider(s) has been miss-classified" in the argument that the access statistics is actually better than it appears. This is your chance to avoid such justifications.**

- **These Provider Type groupings may be leveraged by others stakeholders over time.**

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Data submission details

- Industry to work on this spreadsheet and submit feedback to AID's secure FTP server.
  - Use document "General Data Submission Process to RHLD" within http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Info/Public/Templates for FTP Server details.
  - Use document "PY2018 NA Review Process" within http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Default/NetworkAdequacy for filenames
- Feedback due by November 1, 2016 (Postponed to 11/4/2016 upon request in meeting)

http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Default/NetworkAdequacy

"Initial PY2018 Provider Type-NPI list"

Add? Delete?

Blue Cross Experts

"20161101_83470_BCBS_Provider_Type_NPI_AddDelete.csv"

AID Secure FTP Server

A recap of what is needed now using BCBS as an example

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Update details -1

Update details -2

- Some of the providers whose classification was changed in the prior plan year by industry, were missed in "Initial PY2018 Provider Type NPI List". They have been included on the updated list dated 10/19/2016.
- If an industry led Provider Type re-classification does not have a qualifying taxonomic association in the NPI Registry, the taxonomic field has been left blank in this year's list. There are approx. 500 such records.
- A tab (sheet) called "Removals" have been added. This is based on deactivation data from the NPI Registry. There are 38 such records
- Two new fields have been added
  - "New for Plan Year"
  - "Multiple Qualifying Taxonomies"

On Taxonomies...

Provider Type Description	* Taxonomy Code	Taxonomy Description	* NPI	Multiple Qualifying Taxonomi
Access to OB/GYN	207VG0400X	Allopathic & Osteopathic Physicians:Obstetrics & Gynecology:Gynecology	1386725042	Y
Access to OB/GYN	207VX0000X	Allopathic & Osteopathic Physicians:Obstetrics & Gynecology:Obstetrics	1386725042	Y
Access to OB/GYN	207V00000X	Allopathic & Osteopathic Physicians:Obstetrics & Gynecology:	1386754224	

- Note that a NPI may repeat within a Provider Type if there are multiple qualifying taxonomies. If you desire to remove such NPI from a Provider Type, you have to request removal of all qualifying records.

- Supplying a suggestive taxonomy, though optional in carrier responses, is helpful descriptive information that may be used if the Provider Type definitions were to be changed in the future.

Next steps for industry

1. Review "Initial PY2018 Provider Type NPI List" posted in
   http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Default/NetworkAdequacy

2. Add/delete suggestions if any on the above document is due to AID
   by Tuesday, 11/1/2016 (postponed to 11/4/2016 upon request in
   meeting)

Next meeting on NA on Thursday November 17, 2016, 9:30am – 11:00

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