Arkansas

Arkansas is a leader in price transparency, as it is a state that passed legislation establishing an APCD in the state. The APCD infrastructure is in place to receive and house data. The Arkansas Health Insurance Rate Review Division was awarded a grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services/Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight which includes specific funding for an APCD. After a competitive bidding process, the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement was awarded the contract to develop the APCD.

In the 2019 legislative session, the Arkansas legislature enacted the Healthcare Contracting Simplification Act (SB 480) to promote competition and limit market power in provider markets by prohibiting most-favored nation and all-products clauses in provider-insurer contracts. In the 2018 term, Arkansas passed the Arkansas Pharmacy Benefits Manager Licensure Act, which requires PBMs to disclose information to the state and prohibits unfair competitive practices.