What is DPC?

The Data at the Point of Care (DPC) is a pilot application programming interface (API) that enables healthcare providers to deliver high quality care directly to Medicare beneficiaries by making a patient's Medicare claims data available to the provider for treatment purposes.

The DPC API requires a partnership between providers and their Health IT team to develop and design a solution that leverages Health Level 7’s Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resource (FHIR®) standard, one of the most popular protocols for joining disparate systems together to promote interoperability and seamlessly share health information. This allows providers and their Health IT implementers to incorporate Medicare claims data into their existing EHR workflows, providing a timely and standardized reference of data that is accessible to all who are involved in a beneficiary’s care.

Why use DPC?

DPC will allow providers and their health IT implementers to build a solution that will access Medicare Part A, B, & D claims data to get insight into new diagnoses, medications, completed procedures, and preventive items from their patients' visits to other clinics. **Providers can spend less time searching for patient records and more time focusing on patient needs during their visit**, working from a fuller picture of their patients’ care and needs.

How can I get started?

- Learn more on the [DPC website](#).
- Try out the [API in Sandbox](#).
- Get in touch through our [Google Group](#).