

Reflections Of The NIP On the VSD Data Sharing Program

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Successes

§ The DSP created a mechanism which gave access to the dataset

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§ The DSP protected the confidentiality of the original information.

Successes

§ The DSP provided Managed Care Organizations confidence in the security of their data.

Successes

§ The DSP effectively engaged the Institutional Review Boards affiliated with the Managed Care Organizations in the oversight of the research activities.

Challenges

- § Limited time was available to test and refine the DSP procedures before initiating the program.

Challenges

§ The DSP required familiarity with analysis of epidemiologic datasets and requirements for human subjects research.

Challenges

§ Effectiveness of the DSP was complicated by difficult interpersonal relationships.

Challenges

§ The DSP experienced a greater than expected number of requests for preparation of datasets.

Challenges

- § Incorrect analyses from the DSP required follow up and reanalysis by CDC staff.

Challenges

§ Some datasets had to be reconstructed for the DSP.

Challenges

§ The DSP depends on the voluntary participation of the MCO's agreeing to share proprietary information.