

## **Recommendations for Standardization of Machine-Readable Files**

1. Require that the machine-readable pricing files be disclosed in ONE (1) Standard File Format, e.g. JSON.
2. Require disclosure of pull payer and plan name.
3. Define a standard schema for machine-readable file disclosures, including all names and datatypes.
4. Require that all pricing data be provided for free via application programming interfaces (APIs).
5. Require the use of standardized billing codes, such as CPTs, DRGs, and Revenue Codes, and that they be identified for each procedure.
6. Provide a safe harbor or require that the use of CPT or DRG codes be made available without royalty, copyright, or other fees for the purpose of price transparency including by any downstream software.
7. Prohibit hospitals from requiring personal and demographic information to access price data and tools.
8. Require that the pricing file can be found directly from the hospital's homepage.