

Massachusetts All-Payer Claims Database: Technical Assistance Group (TAG)

November 12, 2024

Agenda

- MA APCD
- Enrollment Trends
- DOI Reporting
- Questions

MA APCD Intake

- All APCD files through September 2024 were due by October 31st. This includes any re-submissions.
- Please work with your liaison in submitting any overdue files.
- Please be mindful when selecting the Submission Month and Year in FileSecure. If the wrong month and/or year is selected, it will deactivate previously submitted, valid files.
- CHIA continues to revisit Medical and Pharmacy Claim versioning methods with select payers. We'll reach out when we have examples to share as we analyze the logic for each company.
- Please alert CHIA if you change PBMs as that could impact pharmacy claims versioning methods.

MA APCD 2025 Submission Guide Updates

- 2025 MA APCD submission guide changes related to CHIA's health equity strategy.
- New filing type: Demographic (DE) file
 - Includes some existing Member Eligibility data elements
 - Additional data elements added
 - Will require a new version of CHIA's FileSecure application
- Background
- Timeline
- Demographic file walkthrough

Current State: Limited Equity Data in APCD

- APCD is a rich source of eligibility and claims data from more than 80 payers, including MassHealth and Medicare MCOs
 - Demographic data is collected from members, but data currently submitted to CHIA is very limited: Gender, 5-digit zip code, preferred language (English/Spanish/other)
- CHIA proposes to collect available RELD/SOGI and member address data from payers to enhance reporting
 - Monitor disparities in coverage, access, utilization, cost, quality, and affordability by race/ethnicity, region, and other sociodemographic characteristics using APCD data

Payer Data Elements of Interest

- Align with QMAT data standards to ensure interoperability with other CHIA data assets (including hospital EHR data) and encourage consistency across state agencies
 - Race (QMAT)
 - Ethnicity (QMAT)
 - Hispanic ethnicity
 - Granular ethnicity
 - Preferred Language (QMAT+)
 - Written
 - Spoken
 - Sexual orientation (QMAT)
 - Gender Identity (QMAT)
 - Disability Status (QMAT)
 - Address
 - Sex assigned at birth
- QMAT Health Equity Data Standards TAG will reconvene in early 2025 to update recommendations, including consideration of the new OMB requirements.

2025 MA APCD Submission Guide Updates

MA APCD Intake Process	Timeline
Data Partners Propose Updates	November 2024/December 2024
Proposals Shared with Carriers	December 2024/January 2025
Draft Submission Guides published	January 2025
Guides Reviewed at Technical Advisory Group	February 2025
Carrier Comment Period	February 2025
Administrative Bulletin and Guides Adopted	March 2025
Development/Testing	March-June 2025
Carrier Testing	July 2025
MA APCD Intake Version 2025 Production	August 2025



Discussion Questions

- Feedback on goals, scope, standards, or timeline of data collection effort?
- What data collection strategies are currently used to collect demographic data from members? When and how are these data elements collected? (e.g., at enrollment, via survey, etc.)
- What barriers do you face in demographic element collection?
- Are all data elements member self-reported? Any imputation? Data governance plans in use?
- Concerns about technical aspects of data submission?

Enrollment Trends Update

- The next Enrollment Trends reporting cycle will be based on data through September 2024 and is scheduled to be published in February 2025.
- CHIA sent out requests for **Supplemental data to certain payers**, due back to CHIA by November 15th. **Reminder:**
 - To more accurately reflect payer-submitted Supplemental data in the report, we are now requesting 9 snapshot dates (by quarter) instead of 3 quarterly snapshots. CHIA provided new templates.
 - This change aligns with the way payers' APCD ME data is used and reported upon.
- CHIA will be sending payers MA APCD-sourced enrollment counts for review in early **December 2024**
 - If there are any issues with this data we request you contact us as soon as possible, otherwise, by **Friday, December 20th, 2024** at the latest. If we do not hear back from you by that date we will assume there are no issues with your data.
- **For questions on Enrollment Trends:** Contact your CHIA liaison.

Enrollment Trends Timeline

Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025
Payers submit Sept 2024 MA APCD files; CHIA sends Supplemental Requests (to select payers)				
	Supplemental enrollment reports due (select payers)			
		MA APCD enrollment counts sent to payers for review; Response if issues due Dec 20		
			Reporting	

DOI Reporting

- Q3 2024 HMO Membership reports are in process now that Sep-2024 data has been submitted. Expect these reports to be sent later this month.
- Claims/Utilization reports using data through March 2024 were sent to payers in September. Signoff is due 11/18.
- Claims/Utilization reports using data through September 2024 will be sent to payers in December.
- We continue to meet with some payers to reconcile differences in certain utilization report categories.

Next Meetings

- December 10, 2024 @ 2:00 pm
- January 14, 2025 @ 2:00 pm

Questions?

