



Monthly MA APCD / Case Mix User Workgroup Webinar

January 26, 2016

Agenda



- Announcements
 - Fee Schedule Changes
 - Case Mix White Paper
 - Upcoming Changes to the MA APCD / Case Mix User Workgroup
- Application Reminders
- Q&A

MA APCD Fee Schedule



Administrative Bulletin 16-02

957 CMR 5.00: Health Care Claims, Case Mix and Charge Data Release Procedures

Effective January 21, 2016

Available Here: <http://www.chiamass.gov/assets/docs/g/chia-ab/16-02.pdf>

MA APCD Fee Schedule



Notable Changes:

- Fee category for “Academic Researchers” has been redefined as “Researchers”
- “Student-directed research” no longer qualifies for a fee waiver.
- Faculty advisors must apply as the “Researcher”
- The **development of a product** is considered a “single use”; “multiple use” applies to the sale or general release of a product
- Level 1 MA APCD data is no longer included in the fee schedule

New Fee Waiver Provision

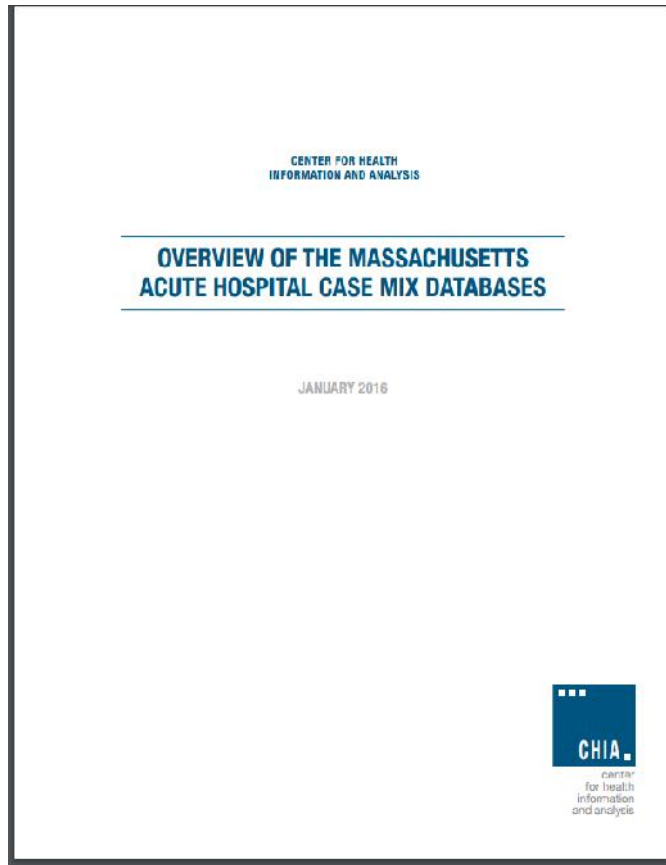


CHIA may consider partial fee waivers or may enter into alternative payment arrangements with:

- (i) Researchers who wish to use the Data for a commercial purpose; and
- (ii) other Applicants who can demonstrate:
 - A. the Data will be used to fulfil a **public purpose**, and
 - B. the payment of fees would constitute an **undue financial hardship**

Such alternative payment arrangements may include licensing arrangements or other payment mechanisms.

Case Mix White Paper



High-level overview of the Case Mix database, and how CHIA uses it to promote the public interest.

Available here:

<http://www.chiamass.gov/assets/Uploads/casemix/acute-hospital-case-mix-database-whitepaper-2016.pdf>



User Workgroup Changes for 2016

Informed By



- MA APCD User Symposium – November 2015
- Informal feedback from users
- Review of ResDAC website
- Outreach to Colorado and Utah APCDs
- Analysis of CHIA website traffic

2015 MA APCD User Symposium

Key Takeaways and Recommendations



- Expand User Knowledge
 - Continue current user workgroups, but also consider development of additional “interest groups” based on specific issues/areas of interest (e.g., prescription drugs, complex patients, methods, etc.) to identify opportunities for sharing best practices for coding, algorithm development, etc.
 - Use CMS’s Research Data Assistance Center (ResDAC) as an example of a useful resource for user support and training

Separate APCD and Case Mix User Workgroups



- APCD and Case Mix will have separate workgroups that will take place on alternating months
 - Still 4th Tuesday of the month
- Why?
 - Both user communities are large and growing
 - Respond to request for topic-based interest groups

Logistics of Splitting into Two Groups



In the next week, you will receive:

- Cancellation of the current webinar registration/invite
- Registration links for new webinars
 - Users are welcome to register for either APCD or Case Mix (or both!)
- An eblast with the 2016 schedule

User Workgroup Changes



- Each user workgroup meeting will be more focused
 - Sessions will be more like interest groups, with a rotating schedule of topics to be published in advance
 - Topics are suggested by the user community
 - More guest presentations from CHIA's users and external users
- Content from future and past presentations will be categorized by topic and posted to the CHIA website
 - Easier to find information

Call for Topics and Presenters



If there is a **TOPIC** that you would like to see discussed at an MA APCD or Case Mix workgroup, contact Adam Tapply [adam.tapply@state.ma.us]

If you are interested in **PRESENTING** at an MA APCD or Case Mix workgroup, contact Adam Tapply [adam.tapply@state.ma.us]

You can present remotely from your own office, or in-person at CHIA.

Also Coming in 2016



- Quarterly workshops with overviews of our data assets and the application process
 - Geared towards prospective applicants
- June – Release of APCD Release 5.0 (CY 2015 data)
- June - Release of Case Mix HIDD dataset
 - Moving to LDS similar to APCD

Application Reminder



If you are requesting **Unencrypted NPI** (in the Medical Claims file, for example), but are NOT requesting the Provider File, please make sure you provide a justification for this on the application. [You will not be charged for the Provider File in this situation]

The formatting will be fixed in an upcoming revision to the application.

File Upload to IRBNet

Please avoid uploading compressed or zipped files to IRBNet. Through IRBNet, reviewers can read application materials completely online. File compression requires that the file be extracted to a local directory before reading and increases the risk of an inadvertent transfer of files not intended for upload or of a virus. IRBNet has the capacity to hold all of CHIA required application materials.



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Questions?



- Questions related to APCD :
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- Questions related to Case Mix:
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REMINDER: Please include your **IRBNet ID#**, if you currently have a project using CHIA data