

## Question: What is the difference between the Member PCP ID field (ME046) and the Attributed PCP Provider ID field (ME124) in the Member Eligibility file?



**Answer:** For ME046 (**Member PCP ID**) carriers report the PCP identifier for their members with a corresponding ID in the Provider File. ME046 is ***only used for members whose insurance products require the selection of a primary care physician*** (e.g. health maintenance organizations or point of service plans).

For ME124 (**Attributed PCP Provider ID**) carriers report PCPs attributed to the **members whose insurance products do not require the selection of a primary care physician** (e.g. preferred provider organization plans or indemnity products). This attribution is **based on the carrier's own attribution methodology**. This value is reported in December only, for the year prior to the current year. For example: the December 2013 file reports the Attributed PCP for 2012 for members enrolled in 2012.

## **Comparison of Percent Completeness of Member PCP ID and Attributed PCP ID for Massachusetts Residents with Medical Coverage in the Member Eligibility File**

