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The release includes medical, pharmacy and dental claims with dates of service between January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2012 (paid through June 30, 2013) and information for the same period about member eligibility, providers and products. Documentation Guides for this release can be found at http://www.mass.gov/chia/researcher/hcf-data-resources/apcd/accessing-the-apcd.html.

This release includes data from Medicaid (MassHealth) and Medicare in addition to data from private payers. Questions concerning APCD Release 2.0 may be directed to apcd.data@state.ma.us.

The application process remains the same. Updated application materials reflecting the new data elements in release 2.0 can be found on the CHIA website http://www.mass.gov/chia/ .

APCD data collection and data release are governed by regulations which are available on the APCD website (see http://www.mass.gov/chia/gov/laws-regs/chia-regulations.html).

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APCD 2.0 RELEASE

- Dates of Service: Addition of 2012 incurred dates of service, paid through June 30, 2013. Release 2.0 includes dates of service for 2009 - 2012

- Updated Data from Prior Years: CHIA routinely works with carriers on data quality issues. As issues were identified, some of the carriers were given the opportunity to resubmit data for 2009 – 2011. For users who have done analysis of MA APCD 2009 – 2011 data using Release 1.0 and would like more details about the 1000+ resubmissions, please contact CHIA at apcd.data@state.ma.us.

- Versioning: Of medical claim lines for seven major carriers so that users can identify the highest version of a claim; future releases will include versioning for pharmacy and dental claims and for additional carriers.

- Reassignment of data elements: to different Release Levels to ensure patient privacy.