

# Monthly MA APCD / Case Mix User Workgroup Webinar

April 28, 2015

## **Agenda**



- I. Announcements
- II. Updates on MAAPCD Release 3.0
- III. Common Application Issues
- IV. Questions from Current APCD Users
- V. Q&A

## MA APCD Release 3.0 Now accepting applications!



- Application forms for Release 3.0 have been posted to the CHIA website and IRBNet
  - Available for both Government and Non-Government applicants
- PLEASE READ Important information for Non-Government applicants:
  - http://chiamass.gov/assets/Uploads/apcd-3-0/Important-Info-Non-Govt-Data-Requests-2015.02.17.pdf
  - Explains new process and minimum security requirements

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MA APCD Release 3.0 Release Notes and Documentation Guides can be found here:

http://chiamass.gov/ma-apcd-information-for-data-requestors-

	CHIA.  HEALTH INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS CHIA DATA ABOUT CHIA						
	Massachusetts All Payer Claims Database (MA APCD): Information for Data Requestor and Data Users						
	The MA APCD data available for release is comprised of medical, pharmacy, and dental claims, and information from the member eligibility, provider, product, and benefit plan control files, which are collected from health insurance payers operating in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This information encompasses public and private payers as well as insured and self-insured plans.  MA APCD documentation guides for CHIA's current. Release \$.0, and previously released 2.1 and 2.0, are located below and are intended for users who have already received APCD data from CHIA, or are interested in learning more about the data release. Prior to requesting data you are encouraged to read introductory documents to the MA APCD, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), a brief introduction guide, as well as Release Notes for Release 3.0.  MA APCD Introductory Documents						
	<ul> <li>Getting Started with the Massachusetts All-Payer Claims Database (MA APCD): Frequently Asked Questions (PDF)   Word</li> <li>Getting to Know the Massachusetts All-Payer Claims Database (MA APCD) (PDF)   Word</li> <li>APCD 3.0 Release Notes (PDF)   Word</li> </ul>						
	MA APCD Release 3.0 Documentation Guides						
	The MA APCD Release 3.0 data are available for the years 2009-2013 (paid through June 30, 2014). The Release 3.0 documentation guides are listed here for all seven data file types for the APCD in both Microsoft Word format and PDF.						
	Dental Claims File (PDF)   Word  Medical Claims File (PDF)   Word  Member Eligibility File (PDF)   Word  Pharmacy Claims File (PDF)   Word  Product File (PDF)   Word  Provider File (PDF)   Word  Benefit Plan Control File (PDF)   Word  Data Cuide Appendices (PDF)   Word						

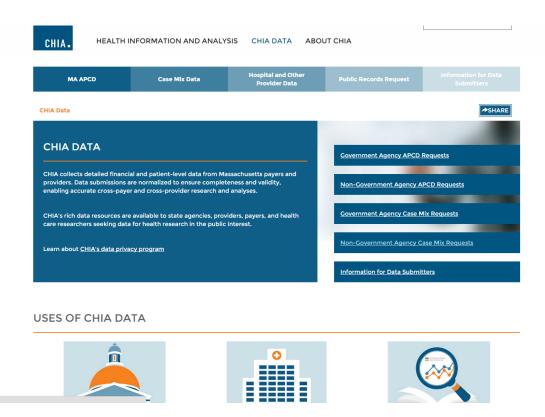
The documentation guides are available here for reference only.

MA APCD Release 2.1

chiamass.gov/non-government-agency-case-mix-requests

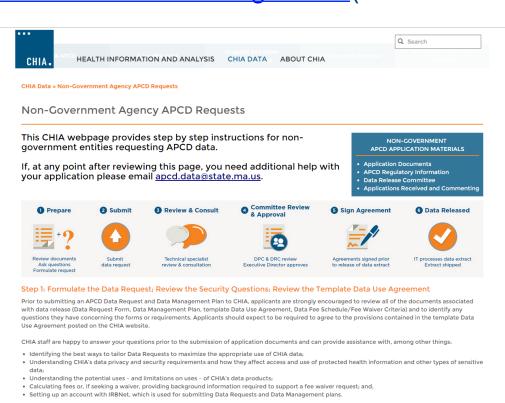


New landing page for CHIA Data: <a href="http://chiamass.gov/chia-data/">http://chiamass.gov/chia-data/</a>





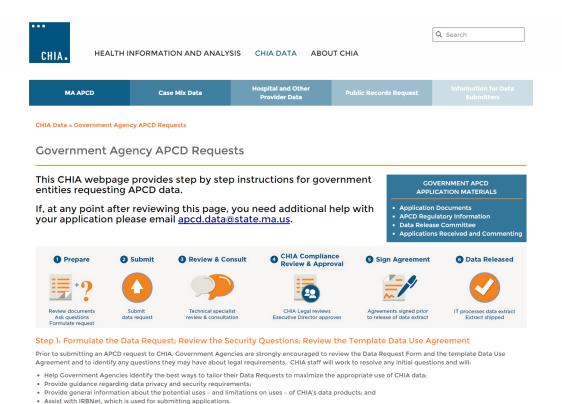
Some recent content changes to the application pages:
<a href="Instructions for Non-Government Agencies">Instructions for Non-Government Agencies</a> (MA APCD Requests)



For information about the ADCD and the application process, email and data@state mail



#### <u>Instructions for Government Agencies</u> (MA APCD Requests)



For information about how to maximize the appropriate use of CHIA data please email apcd.data@state.ma.us.



#### Case Mix Application pages:

- Government Requests http://chiamass.gov/government-agency-case-mix-requests/
- Non-Government Requests -<u>http://chiamass.gov/non-government-agency-case-mix-requests/</u>



## Common Application Issues and Questions

## **Application Fees**



**Application Fee Remittance Form** for non-government MA APCD and Case Mix requests:

http://chiamass.gov/assets/Uploads/apcd-3-0/application-materials/ Non-Government-APCD/1.-Fee-Remittance-or-Fee-Waiver-Request-Form.pdf

- Reminders:
  - 1. Submit this form with your check
  - 2. Note CHIA's address has changed to 501 Boylston
  - 3. Online payment is not currently an option.

#### **APCD Extract Size**



#### Question:

What is the typical size of an MAAPCD extract? We need to determine how much storage capacity we need to purchase.

#### Answer:

For a typical request, 1.5TB-2.0TB is a good estimate. It can be more or less than that, depending on how many years are requested and the number of elements requested.

## Single vs Multiple Use



#### **Question**:

Our APCD research project has multiple aims. Does this qualify as Single or Multiple use?

#### Answer:

A single use project can have multiple aims. For the APCD, CHIA Administrative Bulletin 15-02 defines Single Use as "one-time uses such as those that cover one project or study."

The "product" of a single use is a journal article, seminar, or other report on the project or study that may contain summaries of the data pertinent to the research or analysis.

## Single vs Multiple Use



#### Multiple Use definition (from <u>Administrative Bulletin 15-02</u>):

- 1. a project or study involving limited ancillary uses, such as:
  - a) development and sale of custom reports for specific clients where the data is part of a larger analytical service;
  - b) analyses by a provider, plan or other organization where use of the data functions as a site license; or
  - c) development and sale of analytical tools such as severity indices or weights where the data is a component used in deriving the tool but the tool does not access or disclose the data; or
- 2. multiple primary uses, such as:
  - a) development and sale of reports principally composed of all or a portion of the data;
  - b) development and sale of a product facilitating the use of all or a portion of the data; or
  - integrating the data with data from other permitted sources, with or without related



## **User Questions**

#### **User Question: Final amounts**



#### Question:

Do the costs on the final version line of the claim show the final amount that the individual/insurer is paying or are costs added/ subtracted along the way when there are multiple versions making it necessary to sum over the entire claim to get the final amounts?

#### Answer:

Both the version number and the status of the claim have to be considered. For example, if the claim is the highest version and the amount is a backout then the amount should be subtracted from the original claim.





#### Question:

When a claim is adjudicated, is it always the case that a new version of the same claim (same claim ID i.e. payer + payerclaimcontrolnumber) is created or are there cases/insurers who generate an entirely new claim?

#### **User Question: Adjudicated claims**



#### Answer:

- You have to pay attention to the version number, claim status, and claim line type. This allows you to distinguish an amendment (Claim Line Status Code A – Highest Version Code 2) to the original claim (Claim Line Status Code O – Highest Version Code 0).
- In instances where there is a new claim, the former claim number field is populated, although some carriers have a variance on reporting the former claim number because that data isn't currently integrated into the system from which they generate their APCD for the State.





Payer Claim Control Number	Line Counter	Version Number	Claim Line Type	Claim Status	Procedure Code	Charge Amount	Paid Amount	Date of Service From
MZ110228E5331	1	0	0	1	99401	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	2/17/2011
MZ110228E5331	1	1	В	22	99401	\$ 50.00	\$ (25.00)	2/17/2011
MZ110228E5331	1	2	А	1	99401	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	2/17/2011

### User Question: Principle diagnosis field



#### **Question**:

Is the use of the principle diagnosis field consistent and is it always used as the primary purpose of the visit?

#### Answer:

- Yes, with respect to claims data.
- For billing purposes, the principal diagnosis is part of the algorithm that drives the creation of outpatient Ambulatory Payment Classification Groupers (APG) and Inpatient Diagnosis Related Groupers (DRGs).

### **Questions?**



- General questions about the APCD: (CHIA-APCD@state.ma.us)
- Questions related to APCD applications: (apcd.data@state.ma.us)
- Questions related to Casemix: (<u>casemix.data@state.ma.us</u>)

#### Calendar



- April 30 April Data Release Committee Meeting
- May 26 May APCD / Case Mix User Workgroup
- May 28 May Data Release Committee Meeting