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**CY 2009-2013 INCURRED
MASSACHUSETTS
ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE
(MA APCD)
RELEASE 3.0**

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Massachusetts All-Payer Claims Database

Release 3.0

Release Notes – March 2015

The release includes medical, pharmacy and dental claims with dates of service between January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2013 (paid through June 30, 2014) and information for the same period about member eligibility, providers, products, and benefit plans. Documentation Guides for this release can be found at <http://chiamass.gov/ma-apcd-information-for-data-users/>. This release also includes data from Medicaid (MassHealth) and Medicare in addition to data from private payers. Questions concerning MA APCD Release 3.0 may be directed to apcd.data@state.ma.us.

. Updated application materials reflecting the new data elements in Release 3.0 can be found on the CHIA website <http://chiamass.gov/application-documents>.

MA APCD data collection and data release are governed by regulations which are available on the MA APCD website (see <http://chiamass.gov/publications-and-regulations/>).

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MA APCD 3.0 RELEASE

Updated Claims and File Detail; New Data Element Information

- Dates of Service: Addition of 2013 incurred dates of service, paid through June 30, 2014. Release 3.0 therefore includes dates of service for 2009 – 2013.
- Improved and expanded Medical Claims Versioning: Medical claim lines represent the highest version for 14 of the top 16 major carriers in Massachusetts, representing 93% of the claim volume.
- Pharmacy Claims Versioning: Claims for the top 4 Carriers, including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Tufts Health Plan, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, and MassHealth, have been versioned to the highest level for the period of 2010-2013. Within the Tufts Medicare claims, versioning is complete for 2010 and 2011 only.
- Reassignment of existing data elements and the inclusion of new elements:
 - a) Elements have been assigned different Release Levels to ensure patient privacy.
 - b) Release 3.0 includes the addition of Benefit Plan File data (Level 3); however, this particular file applies from October 2013 forward, so the data file is limited to only that quarter of 2013 for this release.

New or Enhanced Features

- Geo-Code Data: Incorporated Geo-Code and Census Tract data for all years using Melissa Data. (Provider - Level 2, Member Eligibility - Level 3)
- Member Eligibility Identification (MEID): MEID data has been updated for years 2009-2013.
- Normalized Age Calculation: MA APCD has enhanced its age calculation data for 2013 through the following updates:
 - *Member Age At Service* for Claims files (replaces *Year of Birth* on release)
 - *Member Age At Enrollment* for Eligibility (ME) file (replaces *Member Age*)