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**957 CMR 2.00: Payer Data Reporting**

**957 CMR 3.00: Assessment on Certain Health Care Providers & Surcharge Payers**

**957 CMR 8.00: All Payer Claims Database (APCD) and Case Mix and Charge Data Submission**

**957 CMR 9.00: Hospital Financial Data Reporting Requirements**

**957 CMR 10.00: Health Care Payers Premiums and Claims Data Reporting Requirements**

**957 CMR 11.00: Registered Provider Organizations Reporting Requirements**

**Effective October 1, 2021**

**Clarification of $50,000 Annual Limit for Fines**

The Center for Health Information and Analysis (“CHIA”) is issuing this Administrative Bulletin in accordance with 957 CMR 2.09(1) and 2.10, 957 CMR 3.07(1) and 3.08, 957 CMR 8.07(1) and (3)(a), 957 CMR 9.10(1) and 9.11, 957 CMR 10.06(1) and10.07(1), and 957 CMR 11.06(2) and 11.07, to clarify language establishing annual limits on fines assessed.

Each of the six regulations referenced above contains language establishing maximum annual fines of $50,000. This bulletin clarifies that the annual limit is established by use of the calendar year. For example, a fine assessed for a violation in 2021 cannot exceed $50,000, but the same violation can result in a fine of up to $50,000 in 2022.