

Total Medical Expenses and Relative Prices
Technical Call Summary
March 28 - 31, 2011

Certification Statement

- Sample certification statements have been posted on the Division's website
- Do not return certification statements until the payer receives the return report and verifies the calculations

INET Registration

- INET registration has a backlog for new users trying to register. We are working to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

Current versions of TME documents

- Available on the [Division's website](#)
- The Total Medical Expenses / Relative Prices page now lists when documents were last updated.

TME Reporting of Members

- TME reporting only includes members who are residents of Massachusetts.

TME Filing Deadline

- Payers can submit files until 12 midnight on March 31, 2011.

TME Submission for Carriers with Indemnity Plans Only

- Carriers offering exclusively indemnity plans are not required to file physician group TME data as long as none of the plans offered require members to select a primary care physician.
- Indemnity plan only carriers must still file zip code TME data, and should indicate non-PCP in the corresponding indicator field.

Physician Group TME

- Physician group TME is only for TME related to members whose plan requires the selection of a primary care provider.

Payer Internal Provider Numbers

- The Division will not provide provider NPI or tax ID numbers. These fields are optional fields in the Payer Descriptor File.

Individual level contracting within a local practice group

- For individual level providers within a local practice group, report each individual above the 36,000 member month threshold as his/her own local practice group, and use the internal provider number as ID. Repeat the same information for the parent physician group data.
 - For those individuals who do not meet the 36,000 member month threshold, report them in aggregate with ORGID 999996.

Payer has two ORGIDs for submitting data

- All payers are to submit with one ORGID even if the payer has both commercial and Medicaid/Medicare business. The insurance categories will be separated through the “insurance category code” identifier.

Test Files

- The submission of test files is recommended, but not required.

.DAT File

- The .DAT is just an extension of the file itself. But the file is specified as a flat text file containing rows (records) of asterisk delimited data.

How to Submit TME Data

- To submit physician group and zip code TME payers need to concatenate all the files into a single file using any editor (such as Notepad). This can be done by simple cut and paste.

Relative Prices Deadline

- The deadline has been delayed past this Friday, April 1, 2011.

Relative Prices Reporting of Providers

- Relative Price reporting is based on Massachusetts providers.

Relative Prices Data Specification Manual and Data Submission Example

- Updated versions of these documents will be posted on the Division’s website on Monday.

Relative Prices Workshop

- Next Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 1pm the Division will host an open workshop to address technical issues with the Relative Prices data specifications. The usual conference line will be available for payers to join if they are not able to appear in person.