

Massachusetts All-Payer Claims Database: Technical Assistance Group (TAG)

August 12, 2025

Agenda

- MA APCD
- Enrollment Trends
- DOI Reporting
- Questions

MA APCD Intake

- All APCD files through June 2025 were due by July 31st. This includes any re-submissions. Data through June will be used for DOI membership reports, Enrollment Trends reports and CHIA's next APCD data release (CY2024).
- Please work with your liaison in submitting any overdue files.
- Please be mindful when selecting the Submission Month and Year in FileSecure. If the wrong month and/or year is selected, it will deactivate previously submitted, valid files.
- Please alert CHIA if you plan to change PBMs as that could impact pharmacy claims versioning methods.

MA APCD 2026 Submission Guide Updates

- FINAL versions of the 2026 MAAPCD submission guides are available at:
<https://www.chiamass.gov/apcd-data-submission-guides>
- New filing type: Member Simplified (MS) file:
 - Includes some existing Member Eligibility data elements.
 - Additional data elements added (Race, Ethnicity, Language, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Disability Status, Address, Sex Assigned at Birth).
 - CHIA is requesting available data that plans currently collect and can report for these additional fields. If data is unavailable, plans can submit as “Unknown”.
 - Will require a new version of CHIA’s FileSecure application which should be available by early October.

MA APCD 2026 Submission Guide Updates

- Some Member Eligibility (ME) fields are changing to 'Filler' fields as they are moving to the new MS file type.
- ME & MS files will need to link using the Carrier Specific Unique Member ID (CSUMID).
- The goal of moving to this new file is to shorten the time it takes for most submitters to encrypt the file using FileSecure since this is a monthly snapshot of 1 record per member rather than 24 rolling months.
- Test files will need to be submitted ahead of production. The test system should be available beginning in early November.
- Production files are due in February 2026 for January 2026 data.

MA APCD 2026 Submission Guide Updates

- The submission guides for Medical Claims, Pharmacy Claims, Dental Claims, Product, Provider and Benefit Plan do not have any updates EXCEPT the header record will require a change to the data element 'APCD Version Number'. It is changing from '2019' to '2026' beginning with the January 2026 files due by the end of February 2026.
- CHIA identified a typo in the 2026 FINAL Member Simplified Submission Guide on the MS035 – Gender Identity lookup table. We have corrected and re-posted to CHIA's website. The corrected values are reflected below and in the updated submission guide:

407377005	Transgender man/trans man
407376001	Transgender woman/trans woman

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- FAQs

- MS031 – Granular Ethnicity: What should be sent for the values listed in the CDE-Ethnicity-Codes file? You should send the ‘Unique Identifier’ column value.
 - For example: you would populate ‘1002-5’ in MS031 for ‘American Indian or Alaska Native’.

2026 MA APCD Submission Guide Updates

MA APCD Intake Process	Timeline
Data Partners Propose Updates	November 2024/December 2024
Proposals Shared with Carriers	December 2024/January 2025
Draft Submission Guides published	January 2025
Guides Reviewed at Technical Advisory Group	February 2025
Carrier Comment Period	February 2025
Administrative Bulletin and Guides Adopted	April 2025
Development/Testing	April-December 2025
Carrier Testing	Fall 2025
MA APCD Intake Version 2026 Production	February 2026

Enrollment Trends Timeline

April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025
Payers submit March 2025 MA APCD files					
	Supplemental enrollment reports due (certain payers)				
		MA APCD enrollment counts sent to payers for review			
			Reporting		

DOI Reporting

- Q1 2025 HMO Membership reports were sent to select payers last month. Signoff was due by 7/31.
- Q2 2025 HMO Membership reports will be sent later this month.
- Claims/Utilization reports using data through March 2025 are in process and we're planning to distribute later in August.
- We continue to work with some payers to reconcile differences in certain utilization report categories.

Next Meetings

- September 9, 2025 @ 2:00 pm
- October 14, 2025 @ 2:00 pm

Questions?