

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

October 14, 2025

# Agenda

- MA APCD
- Enrollment Trends
- DOI Reporting
- Questions

# MA APCD Intake

- All APCD files through September 2025 are due by October 31<sup>st</sup>. This includes any re-submissions. This data will be used in the next Enrollment Trends report as well as DOI membership and utilization reports.
- 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 (ME) 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 later this month.

# MA APCD 2026 Submission Guide Updates

- Some 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 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 will be sending a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to all of our APCD contacts later this week to help as you prepare for these upcoming changes.
- Updated FileSecure instructions and test file guidance will also be sent to our APCD contacts in the coming weeks as we get closer to those rollouts.

# 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	November-December 2025
MA APCD Intake Version 2026 Production	February 2026

# Enrollment Trends Update

- The Enrollment Trends report with data through March 2025 was published on September 22nd.
- The next Enrollment Trends reporting cycle will be based on data through **September 2025** and is scheduled to be published in February/March 2026.
- CHIA sent out requests for **Supplemental data (through September 2025) to certain payers** earlier this month; this data is due to CHIA by Friday, November 14th, 2025.
- **For questions on Enrollment Trends:** Contact your CHIA liaison.

# Enrollment Trends Timeline

Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026
Payers submit Sept 2025 MA APCD files					
	Supplemental enrollment reports due (select payers)				
		MA APCD enrollment counts sent to payers for review			
			Reporting		

# DOI Reporting

- Q2 2025 HMO Membership reports were sent to select payers in August. Signoff was due by 10/9.
- Claims/Utilization reports using data through March 2025 were sent to select payers last month. Signoff is due 11/3.
- Q3 2025 HMO Membership reports and Claims/Utilization reports using data through September 2025 will be produced and sent in November.

## Next Meetings

- November 18, 2025 @ 2:00 pm (rescheduled from 11/11 due to Veteran's Day holiday)
- December 9, 2025 @ 2:00 pm

# Questions?