

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

December 9, 2025

# Agenda

- MA APCD
- Enrollment Trends
- DOI Reporting
- Questions

# MA APCD Intake

- All APCD files through November 2025 are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>. This includes any re-submissions.
- 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 MA APCD 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”.
  - Requires a new version of CHIA’s FileSecure application (v7.1) which is now available for download through CHIA Submissions. Instructions were sent previously to our APCD submitter contacts.

# MA APCD 2026 Submission Guide Updates

- ME & MS files 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 using FileSecure. Preliminary testing within CHIA has shown this to be true but it also depends on (the users) pc, internet speed, etc.
- We expect to be ready to accept test files for Member Eligibility (change to filler fields), Medical Claims, Pharmacy Claims, Dental Claims, Provider, Product, Benefit Plan (header record change to Version 2026) this week. We will send a notification and instructions once the testing window is open.
- We anticipate that we will be ready to accept test files for the new Member Simplified file by the end of December. We will send another notification when that is available.
- 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 requires 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 previously shared a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to all of our APCD contacts to help as you prepare for these upcoming changes.
- For the Chinese languages and Serbian-Cyrillic, the differences between the written and spoken language options in the Member Simplified submission guide are intentional because these languages have spoken dialects that are different from the writing system (script). For example, Mandarin is only a spoken language and the corresponding written language would either be Chinese Simplified or Chinese Traditional.
- The Polish language lookup table had a typo - it should be "pl" for both written and spoken language. We have corrected the Member Simplified submission guide and posted to CHIA's website.

# 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	December 2025/January 2026
MA APCD Intake Version 2026 Production	February 2026

# Enrollment Trends Update

- The next Enrollment Trends reporting cycle will be based on data through **September 2025** and is scheduled to be published in February/March 2026.
  - This will include a databook and technical appendix ONLY – no interactive report. A full interactive report will be published the following cycle (with data through March 2026) in September 2026.
- CHIA sent payers MA APCD-sourced enrollment counts for review in early **December 2025**.
  - **If there are any issues with this data, we request you contact us as soon as possible, otherwise, by Friday, December 19th, 2025 at the latest.**
  - **If we do not hear back from you by that date, we will assume there are no issues with your data.**
- CHIA received **Supplemental data** from certain payers in mid-November. Thank you for your submissions. We review each submission and have sent follow-up questions to some payers.
- **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

- Q3 2025 HMO Membership reports were sent to select payers in November. Signoff is due January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Claims/Utilization reports using data through September 2025 are in process and will be sent in the coming weeks.

## Next Meetings

- January 13, 2026 @ 2:00 pm
- February 10, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

# Questions?