

VERSION FLAGS

Question: I keep confusing the indicator flags in the MA APCD and cannot decide which codes to use for my payment analysis. What are the version flags and how are they used?

Answer: Claim versioning allows CHIA to identify specific attributes in claims that may have multiple versions over time and claim type. The HIGHEST VERSION INDICATOR flag shows claim lines that are the highest version claim line and whether the claim line was paid. The following are relevant versioning flags and their meanings:

- The **VERSIONINDICATOR** flag helps data users determine the highest version of a claim line that was “paid”. Table 1 below defines the Version values for the **VERSIONINDICATOR**

Table 1: VERSIONINDICATOR Flag

| VALUE | MEANING |
|-------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Highest Version Paid |
| 0 | Not Highest Version Paid |
| 9 | Versioning Not Applied |

- Typically a value of one means that the line was directly paid; however, note that depending on carrier specific logic it is sometimes possible that payment for that specific line was actually denied. However in such a case, a value of one indicates that the service was covered and the payment was included as part of the payment on another line in the same claim collection.

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Answer (continued) : The **HIGHESTVERSIONDENIED** flag is used to identify claim lines within a claim that have been denied. A value of 1 indicates that the claim line was both highest version and payment was denied. . The **HIGHESTVERSION INDICATOR** flag shows claim lines that are the highest version claim line, whether the claim line was paid Tables 2 and 3 below define the Version values for the **HIGHESTVERSIONDENIED** and **HIGHESTVERSIONINDICATOR** flags:

Table 2: HIGHESTVERSIONDENIED Flag

| VALUE | MEANING |
|-------|---|
| 1 | Is Highest Version Denied |
| 0 | Is not Highest Version Denied |
| 9 | Highest Version Denied Flag Not Applied |

- If **HIGHESTVERSIONDENIED** =1 and the “**VERSIONINDICATOR**” = 1, then that means that while this specific claim line was denied, payment for this line was likely included with payment on another line (bundled payment).
- If **HIGHESTVERSIONDENIED** =1 and “**VERSIONINDICATOR**” = 0, then that means that this claim line was denied, and that this claim line is the highest version of the claim line.

Table 3: HIGHESTVERSIONINDICATOR Flag

| VALUE | MEANING |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Highest Version claim line |
| 0 | Not Highest Version claim line |
| 9 | Versioning Not Applied |

For additional information on versioning see pages 19 and 20 of the MA APCD Release

Documents: <https://www.chiamass.gov/assets/docs/p/apcd/apcd-7.0/MA-APCD-Release-7.0-Documentation-Guide.pdf>