



# Monthly MA APCD User Workgroup Webinar

September 23, 2014

# Agenda

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## I. Announcements

- I. Process for Communicating and Documenting Known Data Issues
- II. Payer Profiles to be Published on CHIA Website

## II. Common Application Issues / Questions

## III. Questions from Applicants

## IV. Questions from Current APCD Users

# Announcement – Known Data Issues

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## Process when a data issue is found:

1. Issue is noted in release documentation
  - a) Which OrgID(s) have issues
  - b) Which files / data elements are affected
  - c) Timeframe
  - d) Implications
  - e) Possible workarounds as identified by payer and CHIA
2. Affected users are identified and sent an email with the information above
3. Presentation at User Group webinar

# Known Data Issues

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## Example – MassHealth Issue:

- Issue: Missing Small Percent of Outpatient claim lines
- OrgID: MassHealth (OrgID #3156)
- Files / Data Elements Affected: Medical Claims File
- Timeframe: Submissions from July 2012 through the Present
- Implications: TBD
- Resolution: TBD

# Announcement – Payer Profiles

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Profiles of **Release 2.1** data published on CHIA's website!

Reports based on the following:

- Top Sixteen submitters
- 2012 Incurred Medical Claims (**MC** file)
- 2012 Member Eligibility (**ME** file)

Link:

<http://www.mass.gov/chia/researcher/hcf-data-resources/apcd/apcd-data-volume-reports.html>

# Announcement – Payer Profiles

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Intended Purposes of Profiles:

- **Support** users by:
  - providing **applicants** insight into the structural quality of the data
  - providing benchmarks for data profiling work done by users.
- **Showcase** comprehensiveness and quality of the MA APCD data.

# Announcement – Payer Profiles

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## Sample Profiles Presented

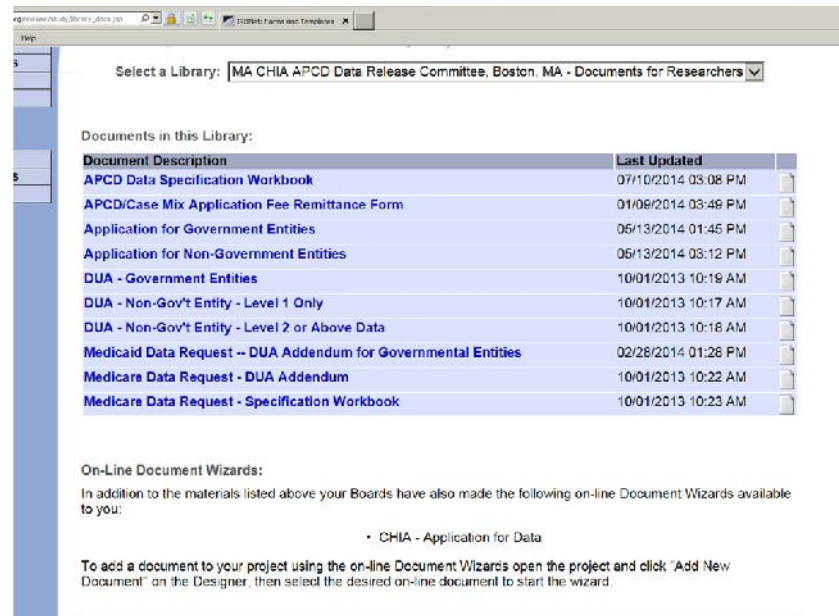
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# Common Application Issues

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- Submitting applications on IRBNet:
  1. Do not fill out the SMART Form – this a work in progress



Select a Library: MA CHIA APCD Data Release Committee, Boston, MA - Documents for Researchers

Documents in this Library:

Document Description	Last Updated
APCD Data Specification Workbook	07/10/2014 03:08 PM
APCD/Case Mix Application Fee Remittance Form	01/09/2014 03:48 PM
Application for Government Entities	05/13/2014 01:45 PM
Application for Non-Government Entities	05/13/2014 03:12 PM
DUA - Government Entities	10/01/2013 10:19 AM
DUA - Non-Gov't Entity - Level 1 Only	10/01/2013 10:17 AM
DUA - Non-Gov't Entity - Level 2 or Above Data	10/01/2013 10:18 AM
Medicaid Data Request - DUA Addendum for Governmental Entities	02/28/2014 01:28 PM
Medicare Data Request - DUA Addendum	10/01/2013 10:22 AM
Medicare Data Request - Specification Workbook	10/01/2013 10:23 AM

On-Line Document Wizards:  
In addition to the materials listed above your Boards have also made the following on-line Document Wizards available to you:

- CHIA - Application for Data

To add a document to your project using the on-line Document Wizards open the project and click 'Add New Document' on the Designer, then select the desired on-line document to start the wizard.



# Common Application Issues

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- Submitting applications on IRBNet:
  2. When submitting a revised document, please indicate this in the description.

IRBNet will likely be implementing a system that saves all versions of submitted application materials, but it is not ready yet.

# Questions from Applicants

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## QUESTION #1

- Does my entire system need to be encrypted or only the portion on which CHIA data (APCD/Case Mix) is being stored?

## ANSWER

- No. Only the portion on which CHIA data is being stored.

# Questions from Applicants

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## QUESTION #2

- Is the MA APCD linkable to other datasets?

## ANSWER

- Yes, all types of linkages are feasible.
- Please note, all proposed linkages to other datasets must be approved by CHIA.

# Questions from MA APCD Users

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## QUESTION #1

- Will I be able to identify nurse practitioners as plan rendering providers from data element MC134?
- Will I have to use this element to link to the element PV002 on the provider file to obtain this information?

# Questions from MA APCD Users

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## QUESTION #1 - Answer

- You need to link to PV002 in order to get information from the field PV022 (Taxonomy) which allows you to distinguish Nurse Practitioners.
- However, CHIA MA APCD profiling of Provider IDs in Medical Claims suggests that NPs may bill under the Attending Physician's ID since the Physician IDs exceeds NPs.

# Questions from MA APCD Users

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## QUESTION #2

- Having looked through the Provider File, it seems as if, for a given National Provider ID, there may be *multiple* LinkingProviderID's.
- Is this because the LinkingProviderID is reported uniquely by each carrier, such that the same provider might have  $n$  LinkingProviderIDs from  $n$  carriers?

# Questions from MA APCD Users

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## QUESTION #2 - Answer

- Correct. Each carrier assigns a unique provider identifier (PV002) for every service provider in its system (person or entity).
- CHIA is working to create a master provider list that would link physician records across payers.

# Questions from MA APCD Users

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## QUESTION #3

- Do you know if it's possible in the Product File to see Medicaid plans within an OrgID?



# Questions from MA APCD Users

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## QUESTION #3 – Answer

- Within the Product File, **PR004** (*Product Line of Business Model*), contains the following codes for Medicaid:
  - MC = Medicaid FFS
  - MO = Medicaid Managed Care Organization
  - PC = Medicaid Primary Care Clinician Plan
- Also **ME003** (Insurance Type Code/Product) has the coding option “MO” for Medicaid Managed Care Organization. It is important to check both the eligibility and product file because there are instances where a carrier might not have indicated the “MO” option in the product file but did do so in the eligibility file and vice versa.

# Upcoming Workgroup Topics

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- Tutorials on E-Codes and DRGs
- Lessons learned from CHIA's analysis of the Member Eligibility file
- Additional Suggestions?

# Calendar for Applications

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- No Sept Data Release Meeting
- 10/9 – Data Privacy Committee Meeting
- 10/23 – Data Release Committee Meeting
- 10/28 – User Workgroup Webinar

# Questions?

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- General questions about the APCD:  
([CHIA-APCD@state.ma.us](mailto:CHIA-APCD@state.ma.us))
- Questions related to APCD applications:  
([apcd.data@state.ma.us](mailto:apcd.data@state.ma.us))
- Questions related to Casemix:  
([casemix.data@state.ma.us](mailto:casemix.data@state.ma.us))