



Monthly MA APCD / Case Mix User Workgroup Webinar

November 25, 2014

Agenda



- I. Announcements
- II. Release 3.0 Features
- III. Common Application Issues / Questions
- IV. Rx Versioning
- V. Questions from Current APCD Users

Question Archive Posted



- Archive of questions and answers from this Workgroup has been posted to the MA APCD website
- Link:
http://www.mass.gov/chia/researcher/hcf-data-resources/apcd/acessing-the-apcd/data-release-committee-and-apcd-workgroup-meetings.html#Technical_Workgroup

New CHIA Website



- CHIA's overhauled website is expected to go live within a few weeks
- Some links to the MA APCD and Case Mix pages may change
- December Workgroup Webinar will include a tour of the new MA APCD and Case Mix pages

Release 3.0 Features



- Data through 2013 (incurred through June 2014)
- MEID updates retroactive to 2009 data
- More Versioning
 - MC –14 of the Top 16 Payers [well over 90% of total MC claims]
 - PC – For MassHealth, BCBSMA, Tufts and Harvard Pilgrim
- Data element changes:
 - New elements
 - Shifts from Level 2 to Level 3 and vice versa

Common Application Questions

Question:

When can I apply for 2013 APCD data?

Answer:

- Release 3.0 application materials are expected to be ready in December 2014
- Will be announced at this workgroup and via eblast

[NOTE: 2013 Case Mix data is available now]

Common Application Questions

Question:

Can I keep the encrypted hard drive on which the MA APCD data is delivered?

Answer:

- No. This drive must be returned to us.
- You should plan to keep a copy of the data on some other encrypted storage device.
- NOTE: Case Mix CDs do not need to be returned to CHIA

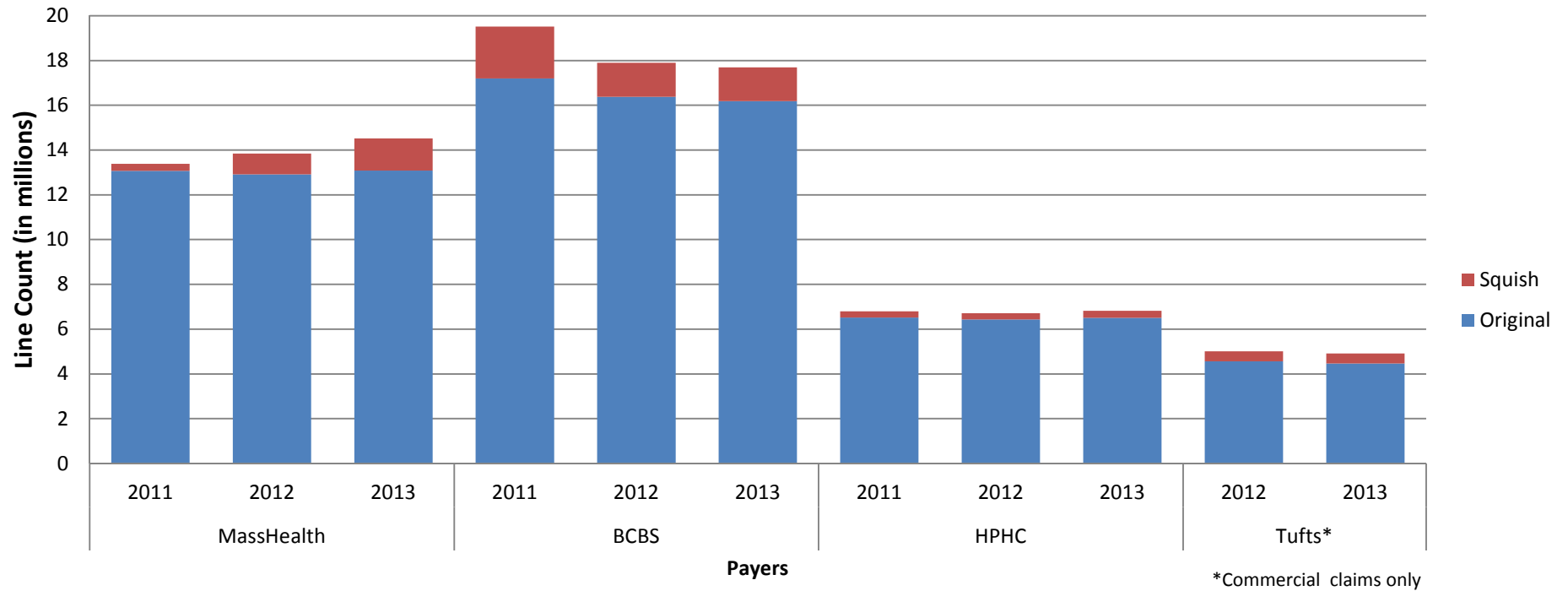
Rx Versioning

- The versioning process identifies duplicates, voids, adjustments and replacements.
- Differs from APCD medical claims versioning.
- Some carriers refer to this process as ‘squishing’ the data.
- The critical data elements for versioning are:
 - **Organization ID**
 - **Carrier Specific Unique Member ID**
 - **Date Prescription Filled**
 - **New Prescription or Refill**
 - **Script Number**
 - **Drug Code**
 - **Pharmacy Number**
 - **Currency data elements.**

Rx Versioning



**APCD Release 3.0 Pharmacy Data
Impact of Versioning**



Does the MA APCD contain claims from Ambulance Services?



Yes, the MA APCD contains claims from over **8,300 different public and private ground ambulance services nationwide** and from over **120 different air and water ambulance services** which can be identified using MC037.

MC037

Site of Service on NSF/CMS Form 1500

Code	Ambulance Type	Description
41	Ground Ambulance (Trucks, Vans, Segways, Buses)	Land vehicles specifically equipped and staffed for lifesaving and/or transporting the sick or injured.
42	Air Ambulance (Helicopter and fixed-wing Jet Aircraft), Water Ambulance (Rescue Boats, Stillwater Launches, and Ship Hospitals) .	Water vehicles specifically equipped and staffed for lifesaving and/or transporting the sick or injured.

Questions from MA APCD Users



QUESTION

- Can you tell me more about the sensitivity / specificity of the Enterprise ID in the MA APCD?

ANSWER

- Release 3.0 will include Enterprise IDs for 5 years of data as opposed to 2 years of data in Release 2.1
- The incorporation of the added 3 years of demographic information will enhance confidence levels of specific MEIDs

QUESTION

- What MA percent of covered lives or number of covered lives is accounted for in the data? What percent of MA payers / employers have opted-in?



ANSWER

- The MA APCD does not include Workers' Compensation, Veteran's Affairs, Tricare, Federal-Employee Health Benefit Plan, or Private Insurers with under 1,000 beneficiaries
 - Some of the beneficiaries utilizing these plans have dual-eligibility in the carriers are included in the MA APCD
 - Interviews with carriers have indicated that the MA APCD receives data from the majority of self insured employers
 - Our analysis of the Master Patient entity identifiers to census estimates show that over 85% of the Under Age 65 Massachusetts residents are represented in the MA APCD
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QUESTION

- Would we be correct in classifying Indemnity insurance as private insurance? (for purposes of our analysis, our general insurance categories are Private, Medicare, Medicaid, VA, Other, and Uninsured)

ANSWER

- Correct.
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QUESTION

- We weren't able to find a full listing of Site of Service codes. We found a partial list, but some values in the data are not in it, and we are not sure what they map to. Is there a complete code mapping for this variable that could be shared with us?

ANSWER

- For a complete list of site of service codes, see page 21: <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c26.pdf>
 - For values not on the look up table, such as some single digit numbers, these values are missing a leading zero padding. Therefore '3' could be mapping to '03'. It is not a field like MC032 (Provider Taxonomy) that, as speculated, has carrier specific look-up values.
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Upcoming Schedule



- 12/11 – Data Privacy Committee Meeting
- 12/18 – Data Release Committee Meeting
[a week early]
- 12/23 – MA APCD / Case Mix User
Workgroup Webinar

Questions?



- General questions about the APCD:
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- Questions related to APCD applications:
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- Questions related to Casemix:
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