

Data Specification Manual

957 CMR 2.00:

Payer Reporting of Total Medical Expenses and Alternative Payment
Methods

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1. Summary of Changes

- CHIA now refers to MassHealth ACO-A plans as ACPPs to align with current MassHealth naming conventions.
- For payers with Medicare business, while the coverage gap discount program was replaced by the Manufacturer Discount Program (MDP) in 2025, the programs can be treated the same for the purposes of reporting here. Ensure that pharmacy incurred expenses and member cost share is reported net of coverage gap discounts for CY2023 and CY2024, and net of manufacturer discounts for CY2025.

2. Introduction

Please note: Beginning with the 2024 submission cycle and continuing with the current 2026 submissions, all submitted data for CY 2025 will be considered 'Final' due to longer claims run-out. Payers may reach out to Cynthia Menna (Cynthia.Menna@chiamass.gov) if there are any anticipated unresolved payments at the time of submission.

M.G.L. c. 12C, § 10 requires the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) to collect from private and public health care payers “health status adjusted total medical expenses by registered provider organization, provider group and local practice group and zip code calculated according to the method established under section 51 of chapter 288 of the acts of 2010” and “data on changes in type of payment methods implemented by payers and the number of members covered by alternative payment methodologies.” M.G.L. c. 12C, § 16 further directs CHIA to collect “the proportion of health care expenditures reimbursed under fee-for-service (FFS) and alternative payment methodologies.”

Regulation 957 CMR 2.00 governs the methodology and filing requirements for health care payers to calculate and report this data to CHIA. The Data Specification Manual provides additional technical details to assist payers in reporting and filing this data.

Payers are required to submit one Total Medical Expenses (TME) & Alternative Payment Methods (APM) file to CHIA annually: the file must include final data for calendar year 2025. In the 2026 collection year, payers are required to submit final data for calendar year 2023 and 2024 only if there are substantive changes to the data or model used for risk adjustment. Files will contain different tabs, including:

- Front page, including data confirmation and payer comments
- Total Medical Expenses (TME) & Alternative Payment Methods (APM) by member zip code
- Total Medical Expenses (TME) & Alternative Payment Methods (APM) by physician group and local practice group
- Supplemental Medical Pharmacy by pharmaceutical category

- Summary tabs, which automatically calculates totals and trends with inputted data from the zip code and physician group tabs

3. File Submission Instructions and Schedule

Payers will access CHIA’s online submission platform at <https://chiasubmissions.chia.state.ma.us>. Then log-in with a valid username and password. If system access is needed, please complete a [User Agreement for Insurance Carriers](#) and email the completed form to DL-Data-Submitter-HelpDesk@chiamass.gov. For technical issues, please email DL-Data-Submitter-HelpDesk@chiamass.gov or Cynthia Menna at cynthia.menna@chiamass.gov.

Payers will submit total medical expenses information in accordance with regulation 957 CMR 2.00 on the following schedule. For additional concerns around timelines or data submission requirements, please reach out to Cynthia Menna at cynthia.menna@chiamass.gov.

Total Medical Expenses Filing Schedule	
Date	Files Due
September 9 th , 2026	<u>Required</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CY 2025 Final TME&APM

4. Data Submission Guidelines

4a. Overview

In accordance with 957 CMR 2.04, payers must report TME & APM at two levels: by member zip code and by physician group.

Reported TME&APM should be based on allowed amounts, i.e. provider payment and any patient cost sharing amounts. Payers should include only information pertaining to Massachusetts residents, members for which they are the primary payer, and exclude any paid claims for which it was the secondary or tertiary payer.

Allowed claims should not be capped or truncated and should represent claims prior to the impact of any reinsurance.

When reporting capitation arrangements, payers should use fee-for-service (FFS) equivalents rather than reporting the arrangements within the Non-Claims categories. Any balance can be included in the Non-Claims field.

For payment method assignment, payers will classify payment methods for physician groups and members based on the mutually exclusive payment method allocation hierarchy: (1A) global payments (full benefits); (1B) global payments (partial benefits); (2) limited budget; (3) bundled payments; (4) other, non-FFS based; and (5) FFS. APMs can be layered on a FFS structure, wherein a fee-for-service mechanism is used for claims processing and payment transaction purposes. The type of APM to which a provider organization and a member should be attributed is determined by the contractual arrangement between the payer and the provider organization. For example, for a member whose managing physician group is under a global payment contract, the dollar amount associated with this member should be classified as global payments even though the payer utilizes a FFS payment mechanism to reimburse providers at the transactional level and then conducts a financial settlement against the spending target at the end of the year. The same logic applies to limited budget or bundled payment arrangements.

Zip Code Guidelines

- Payers must calculate and report TME & APM by the five-digit zip code for all members who are residents of Massachusetts, including, to the extent possible, residents with policies issued (situated) out-of-state. The zip code is determined based on the member's residence of record on the last day of the relevant reporting period, or the last day in the Payer's network. Payers shall only report data for Massachusetts residents.
- Payers must report all allowed amounts for members regardless of whether services are provided by providers located in Massachusetts.
- When reporting capitation arrangements, payers should use fee-for-service (FFS) equivalents rather than reporting the arrangements within the Non-Claims categories. Any balance can be included in the Non-Claims field.
- Allowed claims should not be capped or truncated and should represent claims prior to the impact of any reinsurance.
- The sum of the total incurred (payer liability) and member cost share columns should equal the total allowed expenses.

Physician Group Guidelines

- Payers shall report TME & APM by Physician Group, and Physician Local Practice Group according to the following categorization of Massachusetts resident members as of December 31st of the reporting year. Member months for members who were attributed to more than one PCP in a calendar year should be allocated based on the number of months associated with each PCP:
 1. Massachusetts members required to select a primary care provider (PCP) by plan design (as reported in all previous TME filings)
 2. Members not included in (1) who were attributed during the reporting year to a PCP, pursuant to a risk contract between the payer and provider.
 3. Members not included in (1) or (2), attributed to a PCP by the payer's own attribution methodology¹
 4. Members not attributable to a PCP (aggregate line)
- Payers must calculate and report TME&APM by Physician Group and constituent Local Practice Group for any Local Practice Group for which the payer has 36,000 Massachusetts resident member months or more for the specified reporting period. The number of member months is determined by summing the total member months for a given product type and insurance category for the Local Practice Group. Payers must report the CHIA numeric identifier, the "OrgID," for all Physician Groups and Local Practice Groups that are listed on CHIA's website. Refer to Appendix A, Physician Group OrgID List, for this identifier.
- Data must be reported in aggregate for all practices in which the Local Practice Group's member months are below 36,000 and the practice has no parent Physicians' Group. This group is to be identified as "Groups below minimum threshold" with an OrgID of 999996.
- For Local Practice Groups below the 36,000 member month threshold that are part of a larger Physicians' Group, payers will report the data on a separate line within the parent group data section ("Other [name of physician group] Aggregate Data") using an OrgID of 999997, for the local practice group.
- Payers must report all allowed amounts for Massachusetts members regardless of whether services are provided by providers located in Massachusetts.

¹ Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012 amended chapters 175 and 176 of the Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) to stipulate that "to the maximum extent possible [carriers] shall attribute every member to a primary care provider." Please see M.G.L. [C. 175 §108L](#), [C. 176A §36](#), [C. 176B §23](#), [C. 176G §31](#), and [C. 176J §16](#).

4b. Health Status Adjustment Specifications

Payers are permitted to use a health status adjustment method and software of their own choosing, but must disclose the method (e.g. ACGs, DxCG, etc.) and version in the health status adjustment tool(s) and version(s) fields on the Front Page of the submission template. A payer's Health Status Adjustment tool and version must be the same for all files submitted in a given reporting year (CY 2023, CY2024, and CY2025). If the Health Status Adjustment tool or version is updated between submission years, payers must resubmit prior year final data such that all three submission years use a consistent health status adjustment tool and version, and note that a Final Resubmission of data is included on the Front Page of the submission template. For zip codes where a Health Status adjustment score is unable to be calculated due to a small number of member months, a risk score value of zero should be reported.

Where possible, payers shall apply the following parameters in completing the health status adjustment:

- The health status adjustment tool used should correspond to the insurance category reported, e.g. Medicare, Medicaid, commercial.
- Payers must use **concurrent** modeling.
- The health status adjustment tool must be all-encounter diagnosis-based (no cost inputs) and output total medical and pharmacy costs **with no truncation**

4c. Capturing Medical Pharmacy Spending

Medical pharmacy refers to pharmacy expenditures billed under the medical benefit, rather than under the prescription drug benefit. Payers shall report medical pharmacy expenditures within three distinct pharmaceutical categories using the HCPCS/CPT codes and categorizations listed in Appendix C. Payers shall report these medical pharmacy expenditures within the following mutually exclusive TME service categories: Hospital Inpatient, Hospital Outpatient, Professional Physician, Professional Other, or Other. Medical pharmacy expenditures should not be reported under the TME pharmacy service category, and therefore Pharmacy should not be reported as a service category in this supplemental collection. See [Service Category definitions](#) for additional details.

CHIA appreciates that medical pharmacy spending occurs both via claims payments for separately payable drugs and via bundled payments where the costs of drugs are included in inpatient or outpatient service bundles. CHIA requires data submitters to use the provided Medical Pharmacy Code Set to identify payments for separately payable drugs, not drugs included in bundled payments. CHIA expects that the cost of drugs included in bundled payments will be part of the payments collected for other service categories, such as inpatient or outpatient spending.

5. Data Dictionary

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Front Page		Payer Name	Text	Text	Name of the Payer. Select from provided drop down menu
Front Page		Payer OrgID	Integer	#####	This is the Payer's OrgID. This must match the Submitter's OrgID. This will be automatically populated based on selection of payer name.
Front Page		Submission Year	Date	YYYY	Year in which the file is being submitted.
Front Page		2025 Final Data: Claims Paid Through Date	Date Period	MMDDYYYY	Date for which 2025 TME & APM claims data is paid through.
Front Page		Prior Year Final Data Resubmission included?	Text	Text	Responses must be 'yes' or 'no'.
Front Page		Final Resubmission Data: Reporting Year	Date Period	YYYY	Year for which final TME&APM data is being resubmitted (if applicable)

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Front Page		Final Resubmission Data: Claims Paid Through Date	Date Period	MMDDYYYY	Date of final TME&APM resubmission claims data runout.
Front Page		Health Status Adjustment Tool	Text	Text	The health status adjustment tool, software, or product used to calculate the health status adjustment score required in TME&APM file.
Front Page		Health Status Adjustment Tool Version	Text	Text	The version number of the health status adjustment tool used to calculate the health status adjustment score required in the TME&APM file.
Front Page		Is the Risk Adjustment Tool concurrent?	Text	Text	Confirm that the risk adjustment tool uses concurrent modeling. Responses must be 'yes' or 'no'.
Front Page		Does the Risk Adjustment Tool use truncation?	Text	Text	Confirm that the risk adjustment tool does not use truncation. Responses must be 'yes' or 'no'.
Front Page		Is the Risk Adjustment Tool based on all-encounter diagnosis-based inputs?	Text	Text	Confirm that the risk adjustment tool is based on all-encounter diagnosis- based inputs. Responses must be 'yes' or 'no'.

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Front Page		Is pharmacy data an input in your risk adjustment tool?	Text	Text	Confirm whether pharmacy data is an input in the risk adjustment tool. Responses must be 'yes' or 'no'.
Front Page		MA zip codes only?	Text	Text	Confirm that all reported zip codes are limited only to Massachusetts zip codes. Response must be 'yes' or 'no'.
Front Page		MA residents only?	Text	Text	Confirm that the reported members are limited only to Massachusetts residents. Response must be 'yes' or 'no'.
Front Page		Primary Payer only?	Text	Text	Confirm that the reported members are limited only to members for whom the payer is the primary payer. Response must be 'yes' or 'no'.
Front Page		Is reported pharmacy data gross of prescription drug rebates?	Text	Text	Confirm that reported pharmacy data is gross of prescription drug rebates. If unable to report gross expenditures (e.g. rebates are applied at the point of sale), please note in this field as well. Response should be 'gross of rebates' or 'net of rebates'
Front Page		Are there any additional non-claims payments expected for the 2025 data?	Text	Dropdown	Payers may use this field to provide information on any incomplete non-claims payments for the previous calendar year. If the payer has significant incomplete payments, they may resubmit the TME-APM data by January 8, 2027, with only non-claims updated (claims payments should remain unchanged). The September TME-APM submission should include non-claims data through the specified run-out period.

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Front Page		Zip Code File Comments	Text	Free Text Comments	Zip Code TME&APM file comments.
Front Page		Physician Group File Comments	Text	Free Text Comments	Physician Group TME&APM file comments.
Front Page		Carved Out Benefits	Integer	#	For commercial partial business only , complete table with member months for which a given benefit is carved out. Carve out categories are mutually exclusive and total carved out member months should sum to total commercial partial member months reported in the Zip Code and Physician Group files. If member months are reported in the 'Other' carved out benefit type, please list what these services include at the bottom of the table.
Zip Code	A	Submission Type	Text	Flag	F = Final
Zip Code	B	Reporting Year	Integer	####	Year for which data is being reported.
Zip Code	C	Zip Code	Integer	#####	Five digit Zip Code. Must be a valid Massachusetts zip-code.

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Zip Code	D	Insurance Category	Integer	#	<p>Indicates the insurance category that is being reported:</p> <p>1 = Medicare & Medicare Advantage 2 = Medicaid (e.g., ACPP, MCO) 3 = Commercial: Full-Claim 4 = Commercial: Partial-Claim 5 = SCO 6 = OneCare 7 = PACE 8 = Other</p> <p>Value must be an integer between '1' and '8'.</p> <p>For payers reporting in the "Other" category, payers should report in the zip code comments field on the front tab what is included in the "Other" category.</p>
Zip Code	E	Product Type	Integer	#	<p>Indicates the product type that is being reported:</p> <p>1 = HMO 2 = PPO 3 = Indemnity 4 = Other 5 = POS</p> <p>Value must be an integer between '1' and '5'.</p>
Zip Code	F	PCP Type Indicator	Integer	#	<p>Indicates Primary Care Physician enrollment:</p> <p>1 = Members required to select a PCP by plan design 2 = Members attributed to a PCP during reporting period pursuant to payer –provider risk contract 3 = Members attributed to PCP by payer’s own attribution methodology 4 = Members not attributed to a PCP</p> <p>Value must be an integer between '1' and '4'.</p>

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Zip Code	G	Payment Method	Text	Text	Indicates the payment method being reported: 1A = Global Budget/Payments (Full) 1B = Global Budget/Payments (Partial) 2 = Limited Budget 3 = Bundled Payments 4 = Other, non-FFS 5 = Fee for Service
Zip Code	H	Member Months	Integer	#####	The number of members participating in a plan over a specified period of time expressed in months of membership.
Zip Code	I	Health Status Adjustment Score	Number	##.##	A value that measures a patient's illness burden and predicted resource use based on differences in patient characteristics or other risk factors. No negative values. Number must be between “.2” and “10”.
Zip Code	J	Hospital Inpatient: Incurred Expenses	Number	#####.##	Total incurred expenses (payer paid amounts) for hospital inpatient medical expenses No negative values. <i>See Service Category definitions for additional detail</i>
Zip Code	K	Hospital Inpatient: Member Cost Share:	Number	#####.##	Total member cost share (member paid amounts) for hospital inpatient medical expenses No negative values. <i>See Service Category definitions for additional detail</i>

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Zip Code	L	Hospital Outpatient: Incurred Expenses	Number	#####.##	Total incurred expenses (payer paid amounts) for hospital outpatient medical expenses No negative values. <i>See Service Category definitions for additional detail</i>
Zip Code	M	Hospital Outpatient: Member Cost Share	Number	#####.##	Total member cost share (member paid amounts) for hospital outpatient medical expenses No negative values. <i>See Service Category definitions for additional detail</i>
Zip Code	N	Professional Physician: Incurred Expenses	Number	#####.##	Total incurred expenses (payer paid amounts) for professional physician medical expenses No negative values. <i>See Service Category definitions for additional detail</i>
Zip Code	O	Professional Physician: Member Cost Share	Number	#####.##	Total member cost share (member paid amounts) for professional physician medical expenses No negative values. <i>See Service Category definitions for additional detail</i>
Zip Code	P	Professional Other: Incurred Expenses	Number	#####.##	Total incurred expenses (payer paid amounts) for professional medical expenses No negative values. <i>See Service Category definitions for additional detail</i>
Zip Code	Q	Professional Other: Member Cost Share	Number	#####.##	Total member cost share (member paid amounts) for professional medical expenses No negative values. <i>See Service Category definitions for additional detail</i>

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Zip Code	R	Pharmacy: Incurred Expenses	Number	#####.##	Total incurred expenses (payer paid amounts) for pharmacy medical expenses net of any coverage gap discount or manufacturer discount (for payers with Medicare business only). No negative values. <i>See Service Category definitions for additional detail</i>
Zip Code	S	Pharmacy: Member Cost Share	Number	#####.##	Total member cost share (member paid amounts) for pharmacy medical expenses net of any coverage gap discount or manufacturer discount (for payers with Medicare business only). No negative values. <i>See Service Category definitions for additional detail</i>
Zip Code	T	Other: Incurred Expenses	Number	#####.##	Total incurred expenses (payer paid amounts) for all other medical expenses No negative values. <i>See Service Category definitions for additional detail</i>
Zip Code	U	Other: Member Cost Share	Number	#####.##	Total member cost share (member paid amounts) for all other medical expenses No negative values. <i>See Service Category definitions for additional detail</i>
Zip Code	V	Total Non-Claims Payments	Number	#####.##	Total non-claims related payments <i>See Service Category definitions for additional detail</i>
Physician Group	A	Submission Type	Text	Flag	F = Final

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Physician Group	B	Reporting Year	Integer	####	Year for which data is being reported.
Physician Group	C	Physician Group OrgID	Integer	#####	Physician Group OrgID. Must be a CHIA-issued OrgID. For aggregation of sites that fall below threshold, but that are part of a larger contracting entity, use OrgID 999997. For aggregation of sites that fall below the threshold and that do not belong to a larger contracting entity, use OrgID 999996.
Physician Group	D	Local Practice Group OrgID	Integer	#####	Local Practice Group OrgID. Must be a CHIA-issued OrgID. For aggregation of sites that fall below threshold, but that are part of a larger parent organization, use OrgID 999997. For aggregation of sites that fall below the threshold and that do not belong to a larger parent organization, use OrgID 999996.
Physician Group	E	Insurance Category	Integer	#	Indicates the insurance category that is being reported: 1 = Medicare & Medicare Advantage 2 = Medicaid (e.g., ACPP, MCO) 3 = Commercial: Full-Claim 4 = Commercial: Partial-Claim 5 = SCO 6 = OneCare 7 = PACE 8 = Other Value must be an integer between '1' and '8'. For payers reporting in the "Other" category, payers should report in the zip code comments field on the front tab what is included in the "Other" category.

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Physician Group	F	Product Type	Integer	#	<p>Indicates the product type that is being reported:</p> <p>1 = HMO 2 = PPO 3 = Indemnity 4 = Other (e.g. EPO) 5 = POS</p> <p>Value must be an integer between '1' and '5'.</p>
Physician Group	G	PCP Type Indicator	Integer	#	<p>Indicates Primary Care Physician attribution:</p> <p>1 = Members required to select a PCP by plan design 2 = Members attributed to a PCP during reporting period pursuant to payer – provider risk contract 3 = Members attributed to PCP by payer’s own attribution methodology 4 = Members not attributed to a PCP</p> <p>Value must be an integer between '1' and '4'.</p>
Physician Group	H	Payment Method	Text	Text	<p>Indicates the payment method that is being reported:</p> <p>1A = Global Budget/Payments (Full) 1B = Global Budget/Payments (Partial) 2 = Limited Budget 3 = Bundled Payments 4 = Other, non-FFS based 5 = Fee for Service</p>
Physician Group	I	Risk Type	Integer	#	<p>Indicates the risk type for contracts between the payer and provider</p> <p>1 = No Risk 2 = Shared Savings Only 3 = Upside and Downside Risk</p> <p>Value must be an integer between '1' and '3'.</p>

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Physician Group	J	Pediatric Indicator	Integer	#	Indicates if the local practice group is a practice in which at least 75% of its patients are children up to the age of 18. 0 = No, 1 = Yes Value must be either a '0' or '1'.
Physician Group	K	MassHealth Accountable Care Partnership Plan (ACPP) Indicator	Integer	#	Indicates provider is a MassHealth Accountable Care Partnership Plans (ACPPs). 0 = not an ACPP or no Medicaid business, 1= ACPP Value must be either a '0' or '1'.
Physician Group	L	Group Insurance Commission (GIC) Indicator	Integer	#	Indicates population in following columns reflects Group Insurance Commission (GIC) contract members. 0 = no GIC contract, 1= GIC contract Value must be either a '0' or '1'.
Physician Group	M	Member Months	Integer	#####	The number of members participating in a plan over a specified period of time expressed in months of membership. No negative values.
Physician Group	N	Health Status Adjustment Score	Number	##.##	A value that measures a patient's illness burden and predicted resource use based on differences in patient characteristics or other risk factors. No negative values. Number must be between '2' and '10'.
Physician Group	O	Hospital Inpatient: Incurred Expenses	Number	#####.##	Total incurred expenses (payer paid amounts) for hospital inpatient medical expenses No negative values.

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Physician Group	P	Hospital Inpatient: Member Cost Share:	Number	#####.##	Total member cost share (member paid amounts) for hospital inpatient medical expenses No negative values.
Physician Group	Q	Hospital Outpatient: Incurred Expenses	Number	#####.##	Total incurred expenses (payer paid amounts) for outpatient medical expenses No negative values.
Physician Group	R	Hospital Outpatient: Member Cost Share	Number	#####.##	Total member cost share (member paid amounts) for hospital outpatient medical expenses No negative values.
Physician Group	S	Professional Physician: Incurred Expenses	Number	#####.##	Total incurred expenses (payer paid amounts) for professional physician medical expenses No negative values.
Physician Group	T	Professional Physician: Member Cost Share	Number	#####.##	Total member cost share (member paid amounts) for professional physician medical expenses No negative values.
Physician Group	U	Professional Other: Incurred Expenses	Number	#####.##	Total incurred expenses (payer paid amounts) for professional medical expenses No negative values.
Physician Group	V	Professional Other: Member Cost Share	Number	#####.##	Total member cost share (member paid amounts) for professional medical expenses No negative values.

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Physician Group	W	Pharmacy: Incurred Expenses	Number	#####.##	Total incurred expenses (payer paid amounts) for pharmacy medical expenses net of any coverage gap discount or manufacturer discount (for payers with Medicare business only). No negative values.
Physician Group	X	Pharmacy: Member Cost Share	Number	#####.##	Total member cost share (member paid amounts) for pharmacy medical expenses net of any coverage gap discount or manufacturer discount (for payers with Medicare business only).
Physician Group	Y	Other: Incurred Expenses	Number	#####.##	Total incurred expenses (payer paid amounts) for other medical expenses No negative values.
Physician Group	Z	Other: Member Cost Share	Number	#####.##	Total member cost share (member paid amounts) for other medical expenses No negative values.
Physician Group	AA	Non-Claims: Performance Payments	Number	#####.##	Total payments made to providers for reporting data or achieving specific predefined goals for quality, cost reduction, equity, or another performance achievement domain
Physician Group	AB	Non-Claims: Capitation and Full Risk Payments	Number	#####.##	Total payments made to providers to provide a defined set of services to a designated population of patients
Physician Group	AC	Non-Claims: Shared Savings Payments and Recoupments	Number	#####.##	Total payments made to providers (or recouped from providers) based on performance relative to a defined spending target. Shared savings payments and recoupments can be associated with different types of budgets, including but not limited to episode of care and total cost of care

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Physician Group	AD	Non-Claims: Population Health and Practice Infrastructure Payments	Number	#####.##	Total payments made to providers to support care delivery goals; not tied to specific performance metrics
Physician Group	AE	Non-Claims: Other	Number	#####.##	Total other payments made pursuant to the payer's contract with a provider that were not made on the basis of a claim for medical services and cannot be classified elsewhere.
Supp Medical Pharmacy	A	Reporting Year	Integer	####	Year for which data is being reported.
Supp Medical Pharmacy	B	Insurance Category	Integer	#	<p>Indicates the insurance category that is being reported:</p> <p>1 = Medicare & Medicare Advantage 2 = Medicaid (e.g., ACPP, MCO) 3 = Commercial: Full-Claim 4 = Commercial: Partial-Claim 5 = SCO 6 = OneCare 7 = PACE 8 = Other</p> <p>Value must be an integer between '1' and '8'.</p> <p>For payers reporting in the "Other" category, payers should report in the zip code comments field on the front tab what is included in the "Other" category.</p>

Tab	Col	Data Element Name	Type	Format	Element Submission Guideline
Supp Medical Pharmacy	C	TME Service Category	Text	Text	Select the TME service category in which medical pharmacy expenditures are reported. Responses must be one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital Inpatient • Hospital Outpatient • Professional Physician • Professional Other • Other See Service Category definitions for additional detail
Supp Medical Pharmacy	D	Pharmaceutical Category	Text	Text	Select the pharmaceutical category in which medical pharmacy expenditures are reported. Responses must be one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemotherapy Drugs • Injections and Infusions (nononcologic) • Vaccines See Appendix C for categorizations .
Supp Medical Pharmacy	E	Medical Pharmacy Expenditures	Number	#####.##	Total medical pharmacy expenditures as defined in section 4d.
Summary	-	No payer data entry needed	-	-	The summary tabs will automatically populate with data from the zip code and physician group tabs. Please review these tabs prior to submitting data to CHIA to confirm that totals and trends are correct.
Reference Tables	-	No payer data entry needed	-	-	The reference tables provide lookup tables for data element response codes.

5a. Field Definitions

Tab A: Front Page

Table A.1

- Payer Name: The name of the reporting payer
- Payer Org ID: The CHIA-assigned organization ID for the payer or carrier submitting the file.
- Submission Year: Year in which the data is submitted (e.g., 2026)
- 2025 Final Data: Claims Paid Through Date: Date for which 2025 TME & APM claims data is paid through.
- Final Resubmission Included?: Responses must be a 'yes' or 'no'. If payers are submitting three calendar years of data, the response should be 'yes'.
- Final Resubmission Data: Reporting Year: Year for which the final TME & APM data is being resubmitted, if applicable.
- Final Resubmission Data: Claims Paid Through Date: Date of final TME & APM resubmission claims data runout.

Table A.2 Additional Data Confirmation

- Health Status Adjustment Tool: The health status adjustment tool, software or product used to calculate the Health Status Adjustment Score required in the TME&APM file.
- Health Status Adjustment Tool Version: The version number of the health status adjustment tool used to calculate the Health Status Adjustment Score required in the TME&APM file.
- Is the risk adjustment tool concurrent? Confirm that the risk adjustment tool is based on concurrent modeling.
- Does the risk adjustment tool use truncation? Confirm that the risk adjustment tool does not use truncation.
- Is the risk adjustment tool based on all-encounter diagnosis-based inputs? Confirm that the risk adjustment tool is based on all-encounter diagnosis-based inputs.
- Is pharmacy data an input in your risk adjustment tool? Confirm whether or not pharmacy data is an input in your current risk adjustment tool.
- Massachusetts zip codes only? Confirm that the zip code TME&APM tab includes Massachusetts zip codes only.
- Massachusetts residents only? Confirm that the zip code and physician group TME&APM tabs include Massachusetts residents only.
- Primary payer only? Confirm that the zip code and physician group TME&APM tabs include only claims data for which the payer was the primary payer, exclude any paid claims for which they were the secondary or tertiary payer.
- Is reported pharmacy data is gross of prescription drug rebates? Please confirm that reported pharmacy data is gross of prescription drug rebates. If unable to report gross expenditures (e.g. rebates are applied at the point of sale), please note in this field as well.

- Comments: Payers may use this field to provide any additional information or describe any data caveats for the TME&APM file.
 - Zip Code File Comments
 - Physician Group Comments

Table A.3 Carved Out Benefits – Commercial Partial Insurance Category only

- Carved out member months table below should be completed only by payers with commercial partial business. For each mutually exclusive benefit type, report the total commercial partial member months for the given year. **The sum of commercial partial member months in each column should equal the total commercial partial member months reported in the Zip Code and Physician Group tabs.**

Benefit	Commercial Partial MM CY 2023	Commercial Partial MM CY 2024	Commercial Partial MM CY 2025
Pharmacy Only			
Behavioral Health Only			
Pharmacy and Behavioral Health			
Other Services (not pharmacy and behavioral health)			
Pharmacy and Other			
Behavioral Health and Other			
Pharmacy, Behavioral Health, and Other If 'Other' Carved-Out Benefit MMs were reported, please specify what these services include			

Tab B. Zip Code Tab

- Data Type: Indicates submission type for TME&APM reporting period.
- Reporting Year: Indicates the year for which the data is being reported.
- Zip Code: The five-digit zip code, based on the member’s residence. Payers should report only Massachusetts zip codes.
- Insurance Category: A number that indicates the insurance category that is being reported. Commercial claims should be separated into two categories, as shown below. Commercial self-insured or fully insured data for physicians’ groups or zip codes for which the payer is able to collect information on all direct medical claims and subcarrier claims should be reported in the “Full Claims” category. Commercial data that does not include all medical and subcarrier claims should be reported in the “Partial Claims” category. For payers reporting in the “Other”

category, payers should report in the comments field on Tab A what is included in the “Other” category”.

Insurance Category Code	Definition
1	Medicare & Medicare Advantage
2	Medicaid (e.g., ACPP, MCO)
3	Commercial – Full Claims
4	Commercial – Partial Claims
5	SCO
6	OneCare
7	PACE
8	Other

- **Product Type:** The product type under the insurance category reported.

Product Type Code	Definition
1	HMO
2	PPO
3	Indemnity
4	Other
5	POS

- **PCP Type Indicator:** Indicates whether members are required to select a Primary Care Provider (PCP) or are able to be attributed to a PCP.

PCP Indicator	Definition
1	Data for members who select a PCP as part of plan design
2	Data for members who are attributed to a PCP during reporting period pursuant to payer-provider risk contract
3	Data for members who are attributed to a PCP by payer’s own attribution methodology
4	Data for members who are not attributed to a PCP

- **Payment Method:** Payments will be reported by payment method, as defined below.
 - *Global Budget/Payment:* Payment arrangements where budgets for health care spending are set either prospectively or retrospectively for a comprehensive set of services for a broadly defined population. Contract must include at a minimum: physician services and inpatient and outpatient hospital services.
 - Examples include shared savings and full/partial risk arrangements. The global budget/payment method should be separated into two categories: Global Budget/Payment Full Benefits (1A) and Global Budget/Payment Partial Benefits (1B). Global Budget/Payment Full Benefits contains the budget and payment data

for a comprehensive set of services. Global Budget/Payment Partial Benefits contains the budget and payment data for a defined set of services, where certain benefits such as behavioral health services or prescription drugs are carved out and not part of the budget. If you are reporting a physician group contract that has a carve-out service, then you would report that line’s associated payments and members months as payment method 1B (Global Partial). All other global payments and members months for that physician group should be reported as 1A (Global Full).

- *Limited Budget:* Payment arrangements where budgets for health care spending are set either prospectively or retrospectively for a non-comprehensive set of services to be delivered by a single provider organization (such as capitated primary care and oncology services).
- *Bundled Payments:* Payment arrangements where budgets for health care spending are set for a defined episode of care for a specific condition (e.g. knee replacement) delivered by providers across multiple provider types.
- *Other, non-FFS based:* All other payment arrangements not based on a fee-for-service model, including supplemental payments for the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) arrangements. PCMH member months and total payments should be reported uniquely in the “Other, non-FFS based” payment method and not as a subset of another payment method.
- *Fee for Service (FFS):* A payment mechanism in which all reimbursable health care activity is described and categorized into discrete and separate units of service and each provider is separately reimbursed for each discrete service rendered to a patient. Fee for service payment includes: Diagnosis Related Groups (DRGs), per-diem payments, fixed procedure code-based fee schedule (e.g. Medicare’s Ambulatory Payment Classifications (APCs)), claims-based payments adjusted by performance measures, and discounted charges-based payments. This category also includes Pay for Performance incentives that accompany FFS payment

Payment Method Code	Definition
1A	Global Budget/Payment (Full Benefits: budget includes comprehensive services)
1B	Global Budget/Payment (Partial Benefits: certain services carved-out and not part of the budget)
2	Limited Budget
3	Bundled Payments
4	Other, non-FFS based
5	Fee for Service

- Member Months (annual): The number of members participating in a plan over the specified period of time expressed in months of membership.

- Health Status Adjustment Score: A value that measures a patient’s illness burden and predicted resource use based on differences in patient characteristics or other risk factors. Payers must disclose the Health Status Adjustment tool and version number and calibration settings in the Header record. Please see [section 4.b](#) “Health Status Adjustment Specifications.”

All reported claims amounts must be broken out to reflect Incurred Expenses amounts and Member Cost Share amounts. The sum of the total payer liability and member cost share columns should equal the total allowed claims.

Incurred Expenses (Payer Liability): The total incurred expenses/ payer paid amounts for claims-based services and non-claims payments to providers, including any payments that are covered by CSR subsidies for ConnectorCare members.

Member Cost Share (MCS): The sum of all member cost share/member paid amounts for claims-based services, including copays, coinsurance and deductible costs.

- Allowed Claims: Hospital Inpatient: All payments made by the payer to hospitals for inpatient services generated from claims. Includes all room and board and ancillary payments. Includes all hospital types. Includes payments for emergency room services when the member is admitted to the hospital, in accordance with the specific payer’s payment rules. Does not include payments made for observation services. Does not include payments made for physician services provided during an inpatient stay that have been billed directly by a physician group practice or an individual physician. Does not include inpatient services at non-hospital facilities. Please allocate the total incurred expenses / payer paid amounts for these services to the Hospital Inpatient: Incurred Expenses column. Otherwise, please allocate all member cost share / member paid amounts for these services, including copays, coinsurance and deductible costs to the Hospital Inpatient: Member Cost Share column.
- Allowed Claims: Hospital Outpatient: All payments to hospitals for outpatient services generated from claims. Includes all hospital types and includes payments made for hospital-licensed satellite clinics. Includes emergency room services not resulting in admittance. Includes observation services. Does not include payments made for physician services provided on an outpatient basis that have been billed directly by a physician group practice or an individual physician. Please allocate the total incurred expenses / payer paid amounts for these services to the Hospital Outpatient: Incurred Expenses column. Otherwise, please allocate all member cost share / member paid amounts for these services, including copays, coinsurance and deductible costs to the Hospital Outpatient: Member Cost Share column.
- Allowed Claims: Professional Physician: All payments to physicians or physician group practices generated from claims. Includes services provided by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy. Please allocate the total incurred expenses / payer paid amounts for these

services to the Professional Physician: Incurred Expenses column. Otherwise, please allocate all member cost share / member paid amounts for these services, including copays, coinsurance and deductible costs to the Professional Physician: Member Cost Share column.

- Allowed Claims: Professional Other: All payments generated from claims to health care providers for services provided by a licensed practitioner other than a physician. This includes, but is not limited to, community health center services, freestanding ambulatory surgical center services, licensed podiatrists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, counselors, dietitians, dentists, and chiropractors. Please allocate the total incurred expenses / payer paid amounts for these services to the Professional Other: Incurred Expenses column. Otherwise, please allocate all member cost share / member paid amounts for these services, including copays, coinsurance and deductible costs to the Professional Other: Member Cost Share column.
- Allowed Claims: Pharmacy: All payments generated from claims to health care providers for prescription drugs, biological products, or vaccines as defined by the payer's prescription drug benefit net of any coverage gap discount or manufacturer discount (for payers with Medicare business only). This should not include any prescription drugs administered in an outpatient or inpatient hospital setting; any drugs administered in these settings should be allocated to their respective service categories. Please allocate the total incurred expenses / payer paid amounts for these services to the Pharmacy: Incurred Expenses column. Otherwise, please allocate all member cost share / member paid amounts for these services, including copays, coinsurance and deductible costs to the Pharmacy: Member Cost Share column.
- Allowed Claims: Other: All payments generated from claims to health care providers for medical services not otherwise included in other categories. Includes, but is not limited to, skilled nursing facility services, home health services, durable medical equipment, freestanding diagnostic facility services, hearing aid services and optical services. Payments made to members for direct reimbursement of medical services may be reported in "Claims: other" if the payer is unable to classify the service. However, payments to members for non-medical services, such as fitness club reimbursements, are not allowable medical expenses and should not be reported in any category. Please allocate the total incurred expenses / payer paid amounts for these services to the Other: Incurred Expenses column. Otherwise, please allocate all member cost share / member paid amounts for these services, including copays, coinsurance and deductible costs to the Other: Member Cost Share column.

- Total Non-Claims Payments: The sum of all associated non-claims payments for each insurance category, product type, and payment method combination.

Tab C: Provider Group Tab

- Data Type: Indicates submission type for TME&APM reporting period.
- Reporting Year: Indicates the year for which the data is being reported.
- Physician Group OrgID: The CHIA-assigned OrgID of the Physician Group. This may be the parent organization of one or more Local Practice Groups. For Local Practice Groups with no parent or larger affiliation, the Physician Group OrgID is the same as the Local Practice Group OrgID.
- Local Practice Group OrgID: The CHIA-assigned OrgID of the Local Practice Group. If the Local Practice Group is the complete Physician Group, report the Physician Group OrgID. For Local “Groups below minimum threshold” that are part of a larger physicians’ group, data should be reported using aggregate OrgID 999997.
- Insurance Category: A number that indicates the insurance category that is being reported. Commercial claims should be separated into two categories, as shown below. Commercial self-insured or fully insured data for physicians’ groups or zip codes for which the payer is able to collect information on all direct medical claims and subcarrier claims should be reported in the “Full Claims” category. Commercial data that does not include all medical and subcarrier claims should be reported in the “Partial Claims” category. Payers shall report for all insurance categories for which they have business, even if those categories do not meet the member month threshold. *Stand-alone Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan members and payments should not be reported in the data.* For payers reporting in the “Other” category, payers should report in the comments field on the Front Tab what is included in the “Other” category.

Insurance Category Code	Definition
1	Medicare & Medicare Advantage
2	Medicaid (e.g., ACP, MCO)
3	Commercial – Full Claims
4	Commercial – Partial Claims
5	SCO
6	OneCare
7	PACE
8	Other

- **Product Type:** The product type under the insurance category reported.

Product Type Code	Definition
1	HMO
2	PPO
3	Indemnity
4	Other
5	POS

- **PCP Type Indicator:** The method used to attribute members to a specific physician group.

PCP Indicator	Definition
1	Data for members who select a PCP as part of plan design
2	Data for members who are attributed to a PCP during reporting period pursuant to payer-provider risk contract
3	Data for members who are attributed to a PCP by payer's own attribution methodology
4	Data for members who are not attributed to a PCP

- **Payment Method:** Payments will be reported by payment method, as defined in the Zip Code field definitions above.

Payment Method Code	Definition
1A	Global Budget/Payment (Full Benefits: budget includes comprehensive services)
1B	Global Budget/Payment (Partial Benefits: certain services carved-out and not part of the budget)
2	Limited Budget
3	Bundled Payments
4	Other, non-FFS based
5	Fee for Service

- **Risk Type:**
 - *No Risk:* A payment arrangement with no risk associated (e.g., Fee for Service).
 - *Shared Savings Only:* A payment arrangement in which providers share in cost savings at a pre-negotiated rate if they stay below a target budget for their population's care, but face no financial risk if their costs exceed it.
 - *Upside and Downside Risk:* In a two-sided risk model, providers share in cost savings if they stay below a target budget for their population's care and share in the losses at a pre-negotiated rate if their costs exceed the target budget. Providers are often eligible to keep a larger proportion of savings if they agree to share in any costs above the benchmark.

Risk Type Code	Definition
1	No Risk
2	Shared Savings Only
3	Upside and Downside Risk

- **Pediatric Indicator:** Indicates if the Local Practice Group is a practice in which at least 75% of its patients are children up to the age of 18. The pediatric indicator should be used to separately report pediatric *practices*, not the subset of pediatric patients within a non-pediatric practice

Pediatric Indicator	Definition
0	Not a pediatric practice
1	Pediatric practice

- **MassHealth ACPP Indicator:** Indicates if the Local Practice Group is part of the MassHealth Accountable Care Partnership Plan (ACPP) program. The ACPP indicator should be used to report these groups. Payers with no Medicaid business should report a “0” for all providers.

ACPP Indicator	Definition
0	Not an ACPP or no Medicaid business
1	ACPP

- **Group Insurance Commission (GIC) Indicator:** Indicates the member population covered under a contract with the Group Insurance Commission. Payers with no GIC membership should report a “0” for all providers.

GIC Indicator	Definition
0	Non-GIC population
1	GIC population

- **Member Months (annual):** The number of members participating in a plan over the specified period of time expressed in months of membership.
- **Health Status Adjustment Score:** A value that measures a patient’s illness burden and predicted resource use based on differences in patient characteristics or other risk factors. Payers must disclose the Health Status Adjustment tool and version number and calibration settings in the Header record. Please see [section 4.b](#) “Health Status Adjustment Specifications”.

All reported claims amounts must be broken out to reflect Incurred Expenses amounts and Member Cost Share amounts. The sum of the total payer liability and member cost share columns should equal the total allowed claims.

- Allowed Claims: Hospital Inpatient: Same definition as Zip Code Record above.
- Allowed Claims: Hospital Outpatient: Same definition as Zip Code Record above.
- Allowed Claims: Professional Physician: Same definition as Zip Code Record above.
- Allowed Claims: Professional Other: Same definition as Zip Code Record above.
- Allowed Claims: Pharmacy: Same definition as Zip Code Record above.
- Allowed Claims: Other: Same definition as Zip Code Record above.
- Non-Claims: Performance Payments: All bonus payments paid to healthcare providers or organizations for reporting data or achieving specific goals for quality, cost reduction, equity, or another performance achievement domain. Examples include but are not limited to retrospective and/or prospective incentive payments for pay-for reporting or pay-for performance.
- Non-Claims: Capitation and Full Risk Payments: All per capita, non-claims payments paid to healthcare providers or organizations to provide a defined set of services to a designated population of patients over a defined period of time. Examples include but are not limited to payments for primary care capitation, professional capitation, facility capitation, behavioral health capitation, global capitation, or payments to integrated, comprehensive payment and delivery systems.
- Non-Claims: Shared Savings Payments and Recoupments: All payments to healthcare providers or organizations (or recouped from healthcare providers or organizations) based on performance relative to a defined spending target. Shared savings payments and recoupments can be associated with different types of budgets, including but not limited to episode of care and total cost of care. Dollars reported in this category should reflect only the non-claims shared savings payment or recoupment, not the fee-for-service component. Recouped dollars should be reported as a negative value. Examples include but are not limited to procedure-related, episode-based payments with shared savings or risk of recoupments, condition-related, episode-based payments with shared savings or risk of recoupments, or risk for total cost of care with shared savings or risk of recoupments.
- Non-Claims: Population Health and Practice Infrastructure Payments: All prospective, non-claims payments paid to healthcare providers or organizations to support specific care delivery goals; not tied to performance metrics. Does not include costs associated with payer personnel, payer information technology systems or other internal payer expenses. Examples include but are not limited to payments for care management, care coordination, population health, medication reconciliation, primary care and behavioral health integration, social care integration, practice transformation, or EHR/HIT infrastructure and other data analytics payments.
- Non-Claims: Other Payments: Any other payments to a healthcare provider or organization not made on the basis of a claim for health care benefits and/or services that cannot be properly classified elsewhere. This may include retroactive denials, overpayments, and payments made as the result of an audit.

Tab D: Supplemental Medical Pharmacy Tab

- **Reporting Year:** Indicates the year for which the data is being reported.
- **Insurance Category:** A number that indicates the insurance category that is being reported. Commercial claims should be separated into two categories, as shown below. Commercial self-insured or fully insured data for physicians’ groups or zip codes for which the payer is able to collect information on all direct medical claims and subcarrier claims should be reported in the “Full Claims” category. Commercial data that does not include all medical and subcarrier claims should be reported in the “Partial Claims” category. For payers reporting in the “Other” category, payers should report in the comments field on Tab A what is included in the “Other” category”.

Insurance Category Code	Definition
1	Medicare & Medicare Advantage
2	Medicaid (e.g., ACPP, MCO)
3	Commercial – Full Claims
4	Commercial – Partial Claims
5	SCO
6	OneCare
7	PACE
8	Other

- **TME Service Category:** Indicates the TME service category for which the data is being reported. TME Service Categories include Hospital Inpatient, Hospital Outpatient, Professional Physician, Professional Other, and Other (as defined in the Zip Code Record above).
- **Pharmaceutical Category:** Indicates the pharmaceutical category for which the data is being reported. Medical pharmacy categories include Chemotherapy Drugs, Injections and Infusions (nononcologic), and Vaccines.
- **Medical Pharmacy Expenditures:** Medical pharmacy expenditures as defined in section 4d.

Appendix A: Physician Group OrgIDs

Please visit: <https://www.chiamass.gov/payer-data-reporting-tme-apm/>

Please note that CHIA’s mapping of parent and local physician group relationships is meant to serve as a guide only. Payers should report physician group data based on their individual contracting structures with providers.

Appendix B: Massachusetts Zip Codes for Use with Zip Code TME

Please see the database of Massachusetts Zip Codes posted on CHIA’s website at

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Appendix C: Medical Pharmacy Code Set

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Appendix D: Payment Method Allocation Logic

