

# APCD Version 2026 Carrier Testing Process

The following are the current guidelines for creating APCD Version 2026 Test Submissions.

## ***Formats and Filing Periods for APCD Version 2026 TEST Submission Files***

### **Version 2026 - Test Filing Period Accepted:**

- Carriers must use filing period **202512** for Version 2026 format/edit testing (including Product files).
- Data contained within the actual file can be from different periods.
- Set the Header record field HD009 (APCD Version Number) to **2026** [for the Benefit Plan file it's HD005].
- CHIA expects all APCD submitters to send test files for the new Member Simplified (MS) file and the updated Member Eligibility (ME) file at a minimum.
- Please notify your liaison once you send a test file so CHIA can monitor your submission(s) and provide feedback.

### **Sending Test Files to CHIA:**

- Using **File Secure V7.3.4**, carriers should make sure they check off that it is a **TEST** file before clicking on the 'Encrypt File' button. This is very important as not checking off the Test File box could overwrite valid production files.
- Upload the encrypted file to CHIA using the SFTP client of your choice.
- In order to properly track the test files, we are recommending the following **file naming convention** for Version 2026 Testing.

### **Test File Naming Convention Accepted:**

- File Names should include the following:

**OrgID\_FilingTypeID\_YYYY\_MM\_TEST.txt**

#### **Filing Type ID legend:**

105 = MC (Medical Claims)  
106 = PC (Pharmacy Claims)  
107 = DC (Dental Claims)  
108 = ME (Member Eligibility)  
109 = PV (Provider)  
110 = PR (Product)  
146 = BP (Benefit Plan Control)  
162 = MS (Member Simplified)

These test files will be diverted to our internal Version 2026 Test environment. They will be run by our testing group and results will be reported back to your liaison. Reports will be posted to your OrgID\_Reports folder in the SFTP application.

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## *Formats and Filing Periods for Production Submission Files*

Following are the requirements for APCD Production Submission Files:

### **Version 2026 File Format – Filing Periods Required/Accepted:**

- **The deadline to submit any outstanding 2025 APCD files (or resubmissions) in the old format is Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>, all APCD submissions, regardless of filing period, must be in the 2026 format.**
- Starting in March 2026, Carriers will be required to submit **current data periods (January 2026 data and forward)** in Version 2026 format.
- Any historical Production files submitted for reporting periods January 2023 onward must be in the **2026 structure**.
- If historical Member Eligibility Production files (Submission Year prior to 2026) need to be resubmitted, they must be accompanied by a corresponding Member Simplified file for the same submission period(s). For example, if resubmitting the January 2024 Member Eligibility file, you must also submit a January 2024 Member Simplified file in the 2026 formats.
- Version 2026 structured files will have the Header record field HD009 [HD005 for BP] filled in as follows, indicating the period of Edits/Thresholds/Variances to be applied to the data:
  - **2026** indicates the file will have **2026 edits and thresholds enforced – this is valid and required for data periods from January 2023 forward.**

### **Prod File Naming Convention Accepted:**

- File Names should include the following:

**OrgID\_FilingTypeID\_YYYY\_MM\_PROD.txt**

#### **Filing Type ID legend:**

105 = MC (Medical Claims)  
106 = PC (Pharmacy Claims)  
107 = DC (Dental Claims)  
108 = ME (Member Eligibility)  
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