

# Massachusetts All-Payer Claims Database: Technical Assistance Group (TAG)

September 9, 2025

# Agenda

- MA APCD
- Enrollment Trends
- DOI Reporting
- Questions

# MA APCD Intake

- All APCD files through July 2025 were due by August 31<sup>st</sup>. This includes any re-submissions.
- Please work with your liaison in submitting any overdue files.
- Please be mindful when selecting the Submission Month and Year in FileSecure. If the wrong month and/or year is selected, it will deactivate previously submitted, valid files.
- Please alert CHIA if you plan to change PBMs as that could impact pharmacy claims versioning methods.

# MA APCD 2026 Submission Guide Updates

- FINAL versions of the 2026 MAAPCD submission guides are available at:  
<https://www.chiamass.gov/apcd-data-submission-guides>
- New filing type: Member Simplified (MS) file:
  - Includes some existing Member Eligibility data elements.
  - Additional data elements added (Race, Ethnicity, Language, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Disability Status, Address, Sex Assigned at Birth).
  - CHIA is requesting available data that plans currently collect and can report for these additional fields. If data is unavailable, plans can submit as “Unknown”.
  - Will require a new version of CHIA’s FileSecure application which should be available by early October.

# MA APCD 2026 Submission Guide Updates

- Some Member Eligibility (ME) fields are changing to 'Filler' fields as they are moving to the new MS file type.
- ME & MS files will need to link using the Carrier Specific Unique Member ID (CSUMID).
- The goal of moving to this new file is to shorten the time it takes for most submitters to encrypt the file using FileSecure since this is a monthly snapshot of 1 record per member rather than 24 rolling months.
- Test files will need to be submitted ahead of production. The test system should be available beginning in early November.
- Production files are due in February 2026 for January 2026 data.

# MA APCD 2026 Submission Guide Updates

- The submission guides for Medical Claims, Pharmacy Claims, Dental Claims, Product, Provider and Benefit Plan do not have any updates EXCEPT the header record will require a change to the data element 'APCD Version Number'. It is changing from '2019' to '2026' beginning with the January 2026 files due by the end of February 2026.
- CHIA identified a typo in the 2026 FINAL Member Simplified Submission Guide on the MS035 – Gender Identity lookup table. The corrected values are reflected below and in the current submission guide on the website:

407377005	Transgender man/trans man
407376001	Transgender woman/trans woman

# MA APCD 2026 Submission Guide Updates

## ○ FAQs

- MS031 – Granular Ethnicity: What should be sent for the values listed in the CDE-Ethnicity-Codes file? You should send the ‘Unique Identifier’ column value.
  - For example: you would populate ‘1002-5’ in MS031 for ‘American Indian or Alaska Native’.
- For data elements where multiple values are allowed (MS029, MS031, MS034, MS035), each value must be separated by a pipe ‘|’ delimiter within that field. For example: \*1002-5|2028-9|2054-5\*
- Can you confirm this is correct? The member was asked to provide a response, and a response was not given. If that’s the case, then ‘UNK’ should be used. Alternatively, if the member actively selected or indicated the response “choose not to answer”, that response should be assigned the value of ‘ASKU’ instead of ‘UNK’.

# 2026 MA APCD Submission Guide Updates

MA APCD Intake Process	Timeline
Data Partners Propose Updates	November 2024/December 2024
Proposals Shared with Carriers	December 2024/January 2025
Draft Submission Guides published	January 2025
Guides Reviewed at Technical Advisory Group	February 2025
Carrier Comment Period	February 2025
Administrative Bulletin and Guides Adopted	April 2025
Development/Testing	April-December 2025
Carrier Testing	November-December 2025
MA APCD Intake Version 2026 Production	February 2026



# Enrollment Trends Update

- The Enrollment Trends report with data through March 2025 is scheduled to be published before the end of this month.
- The next Enrollment Trends reporting cycle will be based on data through September 2025 and is scheduled to be published in February/March 2026.
- CHIA will be sending out requests for **Supplemental data to certain payers** in **early October 2025**.
- **For questions on Enrollment Trends:** Contact your CHIA liaison.

# Enrollment Trends Timeline

Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026
Payers submit Sept 2025 MA APCD files					
	Supplemental enrollment reports due (select payers)				
		MA APCD enrollment counts sent to payers for review			
			Reporting		

# DOI Reporting

- Q2 2025 HMO Membership reports were sent to select payers last month. Signoff is due by 10/9.
- Claims/Utilization reports using data through March 2025 were sent to select payers last week. Signoff is due 11/3.
- We continue to work with some payers to reconcile differences in certain utilization report categories.

## Next Meetings

- October 14, 2025 @ 2:00 pm
- November (tbd), 2025 @ 2:00 pm

# Questions?