

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

November 18, 2025

Agenda

- MA APCD
- Enrollment Trends
- DOI Reporting
- Questions

MA APCD Intake

- All APCD files through October 2025 are due by November 30th. 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 MA APCD 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 (ME) 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”.
 - Requires a new version of CHIA’s FileSecure application which is now available for download. Instructions were sent yesterday (11/17) to our APCD submitter contacts.

MA APCD 2026 Submission Guide Updates

- 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.
- We expect to be ready to accept test files for Member Eligibility (change to filler fields), Medical Claims, Pharmacy Claims, Dental Claims, Provider, Product, Benefit Plan (header record change to Version 2026) the week of December 1st. We will send a notification and instructions once the testing window is open.
- We anticipate that we will be ready to accept test files for the new Member Simplified file in mid-December. We will send another notification when that is available.
- 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 shared a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to all of our APCD contacts last month to help as you prepare for these upcoming changes.
- For the Chinese languages and Serbian-Cyrillic, the differences between the written and spoken language options in the Member Simplified submission guide are intentional because these languages have spoken dialects that are different from the writing system (script). For example, Mandarin is only a spoken language and the corresponding written language would either be Chinese Simplified or Chinese Traditional.
- The Polish language lookup table had a typo - it should be “pl” for both written and spoken language so we have corrected the Member Simplified submission guide and will repost to CHIA's website.

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 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

- Q3 2025 HMO Membership reports will be sent to select payers this week.
- Claims/Utilization reports using data through March 2025 were sent to select payers in September. Signoff was due 11/3.
- Claims/Utilization reports using data through September 2025 will be produced and sent in the coming weeks.

Next Meetings

- December 9, 2025 @ 2:00 pm
- January 13, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

Questions?