

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

January 13, 2026

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Agenda

- MAAPCD
- Enrollment Trends
- DOI Reporting
- Questions

MA APCD Intake

- All APCD files through December 2025 are due by January 31st. This includes any re-submissions.
- Please work with your liaison in submitting any overdue files.
- Starting in February 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 also 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 format.
- 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.

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>
- Member Simplified (MS) file:
 - Includes some existing Member Eligibility (ME) data elements.
 - New data elements added (Race, Ethnicity, Language, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Disability Status, Address, Sex Assigned at Birth).
 - If data is unavailable, use the variance process to explain why and report as unknown.
 - We are currently testing a new version of CHIA's FileSecure application (v7.2) to fix some file edit issues. It will be available for download through CHIA Submissions and the liaisons will send an email when it's ready.

MA APCD 2026 Submission Guide Updates

- ME & MS files need to link using the Carrier Specific Unique Member ID (CSUMID).
- Moving PHI fields to the new MS file will shorten the time it takes for most submitters to encrypt using FileSecure. Testing within CHIA has shown this to be true but it also depends on (the users) pc, internet speed, etc.
- We are currently accepting 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).
- We will send a notification when we are ready to accept test files for the new Member Simplified file.
- Production files are due by the end of 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 requires 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.
- Version 2026 structured files will have the Header 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.

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	December 2025/January 2026
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 were sent to select payers in November. Signoff was due January 5th.
- Q4 2025 HMO Membership reports will be sent in February once the data through December 2025 has been submitted.
- Claims/Utilization reports using data through September 2025 are in process and will be sent in the coming weeks.

Next Meetings

- February 10, 2026 @ 2:00 pm
- March 10, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

Questions?